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OF

FORT ST. GEORGE,

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PREFACE.

THE manuscript of the Fort St. George diary and consultations of 1684 is unequally divided between two volumes, numbered 8 and 9 in the Madras record-room, the former containing the entries for the first seventeen days of the year. No. 9 is in a fairly good state of preservation. The writing is clear; but mistakes in spelling abound, especially in the time of secretary Owen.

As in other numbers of this series, the transliteration in the notes and index is generally in accordance with that prescribed by the Indian Government, but a circumflex has been used instead of an acute accent to denote length of sound.

In the case of archipelagic words some confusion might have been caused by the adoption of Crawfurd's symbol—a circumflex—for the obscure vowel sound, as in the English word 'run.'

The two symbols used in the N. E. D. to denote that sound and the 'continental' sound of a (ă and ā) have therefore been employed where Crawfurd has â and a.

The following abbreviations have been employed :—

'N. and E., I, II, III' for (the late) Mr. Hudleston's 'Notes on and Extracts from the Government records in Fort St. George' (1871–1873), in three series;

'Madras Selections, 4th Series,' for the volume published in 1893;

'Madras Consultations, I, II,' for the preceding parts of the present series, published this year (1894);

'Hedges' or 'Diary' for the Diary of William Hedges, as edited for the Hakluyt Society (Vol. LXXIV);

'Hamilton' or 'New Account' for Captain Alexander Hamilton's 'New Account of the East Indies'; the quotations are from the London edition of 1744;

'Fryer' for Dr. John Fryer's 'Travels' or 'A New Account of East India and Persia' (1698);

'N. E. D.' for the 'New English Dictionary';

'Skeat' for Professor Skeat's 'Concise Etymological Dictionary' (Ed. of 1887), or at times, for his larger work.

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INTRODUCTION.

On 17th April 1684 the receipt of a [1] general letter from Surat, "advis-"ing that the Officers and Souldiers in Bombay had Seized the Fort, "& that the President &ca. were gone down to endeavour to reduce "itt" is recorded in the Fort St. George consultations, and twelve days afterwards a still briefer [2] entry alludes to the proclamation against the mutineers. The diary is silent in regard to Aurangzeb's and Sambhoji's movements, and the [3] politics of Golconda and the [4] troubles of the English factories in Bengal are barely mentioned: a point significant of the provincial character of the southern settlements of India even in such stirring times. The consultations are, however, by no means destitute of general interest, as references to the countries of the archipelago and eastern seas, the [5] history of the English settlements in which was for a time to be linked with that of Fort St. George, and discussions about the best site for factories to bring new streams of wealth to the East India house, begin to abound. Moreover, the [6] visit of Gyfford to Bengal left Madras for a time in hands [7] more capable than his own, and the incidents of the second half of the year are less baldly told in the record.

Negociations with Sambhoji.—The mutiny of the Bombay garrison placed the government of that city under the control of Captain [8] Keigwin, a man of good judgment and strong will, and [9] Gary, his representative at the court of the Marathas, conducted the negociations for the removal of the oppressive taxes demanded by Sambhoji's subahdars in the south of the peninsula, with firmness and tact. His representations on behalf of the council of Fort St. George were [10] attended with success, and the attempt to levy the imposts was abandoned.

The Mughal army.—Early in the year two Mughal armies descended into the Concan. Sultan Mu'azzam marched [11] past Kalyan and wasted the land from Raigarh to Vingorla. His brother, Sultan 'Azam, at first

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1 p. 31 *infra*. 2 p. 38 *infra*. 3 p. 131 *infra*.
4 p. 142 *infra*. 5 See below. 6 See below. 7 See below.
8 *Cf.* Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, pp. clxviii, *et seqq.* 9 *Id.*, p. clxxiv, footnote.
10 Grant Duff, I, p. 324; Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. clxxiv, footnote.
11 Grant Duff, I, p. 325.

led his forces against the fortresses which commanded the country bounded on the north by the Tapti river. It is difficult to place much faith in the partial accounts of these campaigns. The victories and the failures of the Mughal leaders are of course coloured by the narrators according as they were Musulmans or Marathas. It seems certain that in the field the troops under Sultan Mu'azzam were triumphant, but that the desolation which they made around them [12] hampered their own movements: the gram which should have been there to feed their horses was not to be had at any price, and the beasts died by hundreds: the Marathas, although unequal to the task of facing the Mughals in the open, hung about the camp: supplies failed. Still Sambhoji was forced to fall back on Visalgarh, and when he attempted to block the path of the northern army as it marched to join forces with Sultan Mu'azzam, he was [13] repulsed. That the action was unimportant, as surmised by Grant Duff, may have been the case, but evidence to the contrary is not wanting. There is no doubt that Sambhoji was there in person, and that for the rest of the year he could do no more than hover round the Mughals. When the summer rains were over Aurangzeb himself [14] quitted Aurangabad, carrying with him more pomp than surrounded him in his own metropolis, and with a host drawn from every race in his dominions, pre-eminent amongst whom rode the [15] Cabuli Pathans and the tribes of the region of the five rivers, marched towards Ahmadnagar.

The Bay.—The cabal against William Hedges had in the last few weeks of 1683 succeeded in [16] effecting his overthrow, and William Gyfford, whose reiterated expressions of loyalty to the court, and of fervent hatred of interlopers, had for a time raised him to an undeserved height in the favour of the directors, was [17] chosen to take his place, with the designation of president, in the councils of Bengal.

The second at Fort St. George was Elihu Yale, a man far more able than the agent and governor: he conducted the administration under the title of [18] chief, and although the proceedings of the government were [19] reported, some time after the event, to the absent president, there are many indications that the more vigorous policy initiated in 1684 was Yale's own.

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[12] *Ibid.*, p. 326. [13] *Ibid.*, p. 327. [14] *Ibid.*, p. 329.

[15] *Ibid.* The name of Panjab was at this time extended to Scinde.

[16] Diary, pp. 147, 148, 158, 159. [17] Commission, dated 29th December 1683.

[18] p. 84 *infra.* [19] p. 124 *infra.*

Interlopers.—The contest between the factors and the interlopers was more fitful than in the preceding year. The company's servants were now armed with a [20] new charter, the fruit of Sir Josia Child's lavish bribes to king and courtiers. In this his majesty granted to them authority to enter into any ship that might be found, contrary to his royal will and pleasure, in an Indian port, to seize it, and to sell the cargo. A [21] proclamation previously issued had denounced interlopers, and had professed to give similar powers. The legality of acting either under the charter or under the proclamation was, indeed, questionable. There were [22] those who affirmed that an authorisation to lay hands on the property of a free-trader was not worth the paper it was written on until it was confirmed by an act passed by the estates of the realm; and however it might be in the case of the letters patent, there was no question but that the proclamation was Charles's own. [23] The 'great case of monopolies' was still under hearing in the King's bench, and although Jeffreys might be safely trusted when the time came to pronounce a judgment in conformity with the desire of the sovereign, there was as yet no judicial utterance. Courts of admiralty, which, it was hoped, might pass righteous decisions in favour of the company, should by now have been established both in Madras and in Bombay, but the judge who was to sit in Madras had not yet been nominated.

It seemed best to the court, however, to run some risks. The council at Fort St. George received orders [24] to "proceed against the "Interlopers to the full extent of those authorities granted them by his "Maj^ty what ever the consequence be;" and as captain John Smith was at Covelong when the packet containing these instructions was [25] brought on shore, and as, by a fortunate accident, two of the [26] largest vessels of the company and two [27] sloops were in the Madras roads, Gyfford was in a position to act at once. The captains of the *Royal James* and the *Beaufort* were [28] shown the new charter, and reminded that there was already a proclamation out against interlopers; then

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[20] pp. 38, 48 *infra*. The letters patent bore date 9th August 1683.

[21] p. 49 *infra*.

[22] *Cf.* Dr. St. John's letter of 20th September 1684 in Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. clxxx.

[23] *Cf.* introduction to Madras Cons., No. II. [24] p. 48 *infra*. [25] p. 46 *infra*.

[26] *Cf.* list of ships in Admiral John Nicholson's fleet, in Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, p. lii, footnote.

[27] p. 46 *infra*. [28] p. 48 *infra*.

they were directed to make for Covelong, seize on the *Constantinople* merchantman, and bring her to Madras. Captain Smith was however equal to the occasion. As soon as the *Royal James*,[29] sailing in front of her larger fellow ship, came in sight, and behind her, it may be, the rest of the little flotilla became visible, he weighed anchor and scudded down the coast before his antagonist. The south-west wind must have been blowing strongly for [30] it was the middle of June; and the light vessel of the interloper would be able to carry more sail than the *Royal James* or the *Beaufort*. Sir John Wetwang followed for some twenty miles: then, as the distance between his ship and the *Constantinople* still grew greater, he decided that he "could not effect the designe of seizing on" her, and [31] abandoned the chase.

The honours of the year seem to have rested on the whole with the interlopers. The high price paid to Lingappa and Sanganna for their friendship and good offices was before long found to have been, for the time, thrown away. [32] Late one night in February, a letter was received from Sanganna. The bearer was perhaps aware of the purport of it, as it was at once given to the translators. The document was found to be so important that the very unusual step of calling together the members of council on a [33] Sunday evening was taken. Sanganna's letter was couched in positive terms: he [34] said that unless within three days the council agreed to receive, sorted, and paid for the bales of cloth which had been provided for the interloper, he would deliver them to captain Smith's men. [35] A resolution to give ten thousand pagodas to the company's merchants to enable them to buy the goods was passed, and before the meeting broke up, a letter to Sanganna, to tell him what had been done, was written, read and signed. The merchants started for [36] Conjeveram, but the wording of the [37] record of 3rd March seems to show that the sensible determination of the council at the extraordinary meeting three weeks before must have been departed from in an important particular. The resolve not to pay leads to the conclusion that the merchants must have set off empty-handed. If they did so, it was characteristic of Gyfford's methods of diplomacy.

Whether because the pagodas for the bales were not forthcoming, or because Sanganna was determined to quarrel with the English, he

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[29] p. 50 *infra*. [30] After correction to 'New Style.' [31] p. 50 *infra*.
[32] pp. 16, 17 *infra*. [33] p. 16 *infra*. [34] p. 17 *infra*.
[35] *Ibid*. [36] p. 19 *infra*. [37] pp. 22, 23 *infra*.

[38] permitted the interlopers to ship part of the cloth, and flung the merchants into [39] prison.

On 10th March a large ship carrying English colours was [40] seen in the offing and the assistant to the customer went off to her. When he came near, he [41] found that she was the *Lumley Castle* commanded by Alley, the especial *bête noire* of the company. He boarded her, and then returned to the fort. When the council next met, it was [42] "thought fitt to dismiss him from his employment," in order that it might be "an example for others to take care" how they did the like. Hiller's punishment lasted for two months: [43] then he was restored to his post, on the [44] understanding that he was not to hold it after the arrival of the newly appointed writers then on their way from England.

On 24th March, [45] a letter from John Smith, the interloper, was received from Covelong in regard to the payment of certain monies from an estate to a widow whose power of attorney he held: these were in the hands of the chief factor at Cuddalore, who was disposed to think that the claim should be made good in a court of law. For an answer, it was resolved to tell Davis that he might pay the money if he pleased. The company, it was said, would have nothing to do with it. If he scrupled to take that step, the court was "open." As, however, the directors had not in so many words ruled that an interloper might appear in person, Smith was to be told so. And in order that the Fort St. George council might keep the whiteness of their hands, it was thought convenient not to send him any but this indirect reply to his letter.

Factories.—Six subordinate factories were maintained during the year: Madapollam, Metchlepatam, Pettepolee and Vizagapatam in the north, Cuddalore [46] *cum* Porto Novo and Conimere in the Maratha country. The [47] scale of establishment was the same in four out of the six, and consisted of four members of council and two writers; at Vizagapatam and Conimere, there were only three of the former class.

Relations with the Golconda agents.—The temporising of the previous year brought forth such fruit as might have been expected; the bearing of Lingappa and Sanganna became more and more insolent as concession after concession was made, and made reluctantly and with bad grace.

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[38] p. 22 *infra.* [39] pp. 19, 66, 84. [40] p. 27 *infra.*
[41] p. 28 *infra.* [42] *Ibid.* [43] p. 40 *infra.*
[44] *Ibid*; also *cf.* p. 61. [45] p. 29 *infra.* [46] p. 65 *infra.*
[47] pp. 62, 63.

Before long an acute stage was reached. In [48] February Sanganna put the merchants of the company into confinement. In March, the toll gatherers [49] beat and abused the villagers who were bringing in firewood and other articles to the fort, and it was rumoured that Madras was to be boycotted: the report was a true one, and no [50] provisions could be brought in for more than three weeks. Still the difference was not made up, and the merchants durst not, so they [51] said, send any European bales up the country until they had an assurance that they would not be molested in their trade. Lingappa was addressed, but did not deign to answer [52] Gyfford's letter. The council accordingly [53] resolved that the money intended for Metchlepatam should be divided amongst the other factories if Lingappa and Sanganna did not comply with the reasonable demands made on them, "which," so the consultation ran, "will bring them into great discredit, and be our future advantage, when they once know the want of our trade."

Such was the decision on 7th July, but on 5th August it was [54] reversed:—"Notwithstanding our agreem^t^ not to Invest anything within "Lingapa's Government while he continues his injustice of detaining "our 7000 Pag^o^ & confining our Merch^ts^ att Conjeveron, It is order'd that "since the Honble Comp^a^ requires a quantity of Moorees & fine Goods, we "continue our Investment in those commodities out of Lingapa's Govern-"ment as formerly."

With the advent of Elihu Yale, a change in policy began. On the day following that on which he first sat at the head of the council board, a [55] letter seemingly of a more peremptory tone was read and passed, and the honesty of the confidential agent at Golconda was discussed. Vira Raghavaiyar, the agent in question, had lately taken upon himself to come down to Fort St. George without leave, and to Yale or some other member of the council appeared to show greater inclination to Lingappa's service than to the company's: he had expended large sums under the pretence of buying interest, and there was nothing to show for them. It was [56] resolved to send for him and to examine him more closely.

At the end of August a [57] report that Lingappa intended to besiege the town, and had sent peons to intercept any messengers carrying trea-

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[48] p. 19 *infra.* [49] p. 23 *infra.* [50] p. 31 *infra.*
[51] p. 55 *infra.* [52] p. 66 *infra.* [53] *Ibid.*
[54] p. 84 *infra.* [55] p. 87 *infra.* [56] *Ibid.*
[57] p. 98 *infra.*

sure, became current, and on 12th September, Yale [58] wrote to Monsieur d'Estremon, surgeon to Abu-l-hasan, to tell him of the affronts offered by Lingappa, Sanganna, and Appaji Pantulu at Pulicat, and to beg him to use his personal influence to remove the grievance. The falsity of these rumours was proved on 15th September by the receipt of a [59] letter from Lingappa, [60] written in a friendly but evasive style. The recovery of the seven thousand pagodas he gave but little hopes of; it was, he said, impossible to get them from the diwan.

In reply to this communication, a [61] second letter demanding redress was despatched, and on 2nd October the [62] decision that not more than such trade as was absolutely necessary should be begun in the districts subject to Lingappa was placed on record. Some piece-goods for which the directors had more than once written were to be excepted, but the merchants were to stipulate not to traffic in silver, in bales from Europe, or in calicoes, under such penalties as the government of Fort St. George might think fit to lay upon them. To this after some pressure [63] they agreed.

On 3rd November Monsieur d'Estremon wrote to Yale, [64] telling him that he would do his best in the matter but that Madana and his brother Akkanna "were still in great favour, & nothing done without their advice and order."

Trade with the archipelago.—The [65] gathering troubles in Bengal seemed at this time to threaten the early extinction of Hoogley and the neighbouring factories. The fort of Bombay and the settlement of Surat were not in such danger. But it was a long voyage from Surat to Fort St. George: Ceylon [66] had to be rounded, and when a vessel could at last head for the north, baffling winds might still delay her for days before she cast anchor in the roads of Madras. These considerations now induced the court of directors to pay especial attention to the chief Coramandel factory. The necessity for strong fortifications had from time to time been a topic of dispute between the government at Fort St. George and their masters in Leadenhall Street, and proposals for additional bastions and cannon were always most jealously scrutinised and often negatived. But the need for a fort which might bid

[58] p. 104 *infra.* [59] p. 105 *infra.* [60] pp. 106, 107 *infra.*
[61] p. 107 *infra.* [62] p. 112 *infra.* [63] p. 120 *infra.*
[64] p. 131 *infra.* [65] Hedges *passim*; Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV, pp. l–liii.
[66] Court to Fort St. George, 16th March 1684–85 (1685).

defiance to any Moorish or Maratha force, and under the guns of which trade might steadily increase in despite of external convulsions, was by now clearly recognised. Moreover, visions of far-reaching traffic with the archipelago and with the islands in the sea of China began to present themselves. The company had "a great mind," they [67] wrote, to try some experiment which might "bring a new trade" to Fort St. George. If any of the inhabitants of Madras, of whatever race or nationality, could "invent any . . . . voyages for Spice or otherwise," especial encouragement was to be given to them. The possibilities of settlements in numerous places were to be considered, and it was determined to make Fort St. George the centre of control. The [68] greatness of Madras with its "many thousands" of inhabitants was impressed on distant sovereigns and factories. In July 1684 [69] Tonqueen was placed under Gyfford's government. In March 1684–85 (1685) Achin, Amoy, Tywan and "all other South sea ffactories" were [70] declared to be "under the conduct" of the president and council. On the same day the court [71] insisted on the immediate fortification of their "black Towne of Madrass" at the cost of the inhabitants, whether it displeased or pleased them or anybody else.

The council of Gyfford were also [72] bidden to have a regard for the general good of the company as well as for their private profits, and to admit into their ventures English, Portuguese, and natives alike. This "generous liberty and frank encouragement to all" the inhabitants of Madras indifferently would make the place "great & famous in a short time, strong and defensive." And "being become by such Indul-"gence a Mart for Nations it must consequently flourish and prosper "exceedingly That being the means to which God almighty of old "promis'd to make Jerusalem great Viz^{t} y^{t} it should be a mart for "nations." If by such self-denial, and by "just and equall administration of good laws to all persons," Madras was brought to be "a center of trade from all places of India wherein" it was not convenient to establish factories, it might, the directors added with a swift descent to the bathos of particularity, give the council of Fort St. George the opportunity to buy for the London market "upon reasonable terms Pepper

[67] Court to Fort St. George, 19th October 1683.

[68] Court to Tywan, 2nd July 1684.

[69] Court to Tonqueen, 2nd July 1684.

[70] Court to Fort St. George, 16th March 1684–85 (1685). [71] *Ibid.*

[72] Court to Fort St. George, 13th February 1684–85 (1685).

"China Pegu, and (it might be in time) Nutmegs Cloves and many "other Commodities."

A factory house [73] had been built at Achin in the second decade of the century. Masulipatam goods were in especial demand there, and could be exchanged for pepper, camphor and benjamin. The Dutch, however, were bent on keeping Sumatra exclusively to themselves, and after a hopeless struggle the English factors were withdrawn. In 1668 one of the Surat council had unsuccessfully attempted to re-establish trade, but the Dutch influence was still too strong, and the attention of the company had to be turned to China stations instead. The old factory house, with godowns and compound, remained standing, and on 3rd March 1684 leave was [74] given to Richard Mohun, an ex-servant of the company, to live in it on the condition that he kept it in good repair. In July 1684 the court [75] returned to the subject. They were "more than formerly desirous of a ffort and small Territoryes to it, at or near Atcheen," or in some other place where they might have a pepper trade. This new settlement and any others in the archipelago, or, as expressed in their despatch, [76] the South Sea factories, were to be under Gyfford's control. Much importance was attached to the venture. Ord and Cawley were to go to Achin in the capacity of [77] commissioners, and in brave habits. Ten musqueteers in red coats and "other things appertaining thereto" were [78] provided "for their better appearance att Court and ye safety" of the factory. A letter was [79] written to the queen commending the commissioners to her, and begging that she would give them audience and credit. Mohun was directed to give up the house to Ord, and informed that the government had appropriated to themselves the trade in calicoes, pepper and benjamin, and would allow no others to deal in those commodities. Another [80] letter to the sovereign of Achin was despatched from the East India house under the signature of Ashe, the new governor of the company. In it the queen was reminded of an invitation to the servants of the court, many years before, in which special privileges had been promised to settlers at Achin. Failure in the past to make use of that offer was excused. The subtilty of the Dutch in "setting the sonne against the Father" in Bantam, and then gaining for themselves the whole kingdom, was inveighed against,

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73 Danvers, pp. 61, 63, 64, of report on I. O. records.
74 p. 22 *infra*.
75 Court to Fort St. George, 2nd July 1684.
76 *Cf.* p. 21 *infra*.
77 p. 75 *infra*.
78 p. 91 *infra*.
79 p. 101 *infra*.
80 Court to the Queen of Achin, 1st October 1684.

and her majesty was told that it would "most certainly" be for her interest if a standing factory was settled at or near her capital. Unless, indeed, she complied with the company's request, and above all allowed their servants to fortify the desired island in the Achin roads, she might be in danger of faring like "yᵉ King of Macassar & the 2 Kings of "Bantam & many other Princes in yᵉ South seas," who for want of foreseeing the stratagems of the Dutch had made shipwreck of themselves.

The establishment of factories in [81] Siam, and [82] at or [83] near Queda or in [84] some part of Johore for the enlargement of the "pepper investment," was under contemplation, and the commander of a vessel trading to Pegu [85] received instructions to enquire into the state and trade of that country, to ascertain how the king and people stood affected to the English and to their settlement there, and to gather from the ministers what privileges might be expected or could be procured. He was [86] charged above all to ascertain what hopes there might be of founding a factory "at Bammoo upon the Confines of Chyna": the old Shan town on the Tapeng which Yule [87] seems to have considered the probable site of an English factory of later days, or else that now well-known Bhamo [88] on the upper Irrawady whither by [89] converging routes Chinese packmen had from the earliest times come in caravans to the [90] yearly fair, driving before them across the highlands of Yunnan their little horses or asses with their loads of copper and brass ware, raw silk and rhubarb, tea and musk.

Composition of the Government of Fort St. George.—William Gyfford held the post of agent and governor until 16th June, on which day the commission creating him president in the councils of Coromandel coast, the Bay and Hoogley, [91] arrived. From this date he described himself as [92] 'President and Governor.' The same [93] commission stated that in the event of Gyfford's death or absence from Madras, John Bigrig, the second in council, was to succeed. But on 30th June, Bigrig [94] was too ill to be present in the council room, or to take over charge of

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[81] p. 34 *infra*. [82] Court to Fort St. George 19th October 1683.
[83] p. 101 *infra*. [84] Court to Fort St. George 19th October 1683.
[85] p. 101 *infra*. [86] p. 102 *infra*. [87] Hobson-Jobson, s.v. Bamô, p. 42.
[88] *Ibid*. [89] *Cf.* Encyc. Brit., 9th edition, s.v. Bhamo.
[90] *Cf.* Herr Wittick (?) in the Penny Cyclopaedia, s.v. Birma, Vol. IV, p. 442 (1835).
[91] p. 52 *infra*. [92] *Ibid., et seqq.* [93] Commission dated 29th Dec. 1683.
[94] p. 60 *infra*.

[95] some duties which had been entrusted to him, and on 4th July [96] he "departed this life to the great trouble of all that knew him." Elihu Yale then became second in council, and on 8th August he [97] assumed the office of "chief" of Fort St. George from Gyfford, about to proceed to Bengal.

On 3rd June, John Gray [98] arrived from England, and [99] took his seat as sixth in council.

Three days after John Bigrig's death, it was [100] determined to recall Thomas Lucas as soon as he had concluded a contract with the merchants of Madapollam. He [101] arrived on 13th October, and took his place in council [102] three days afterwards, but again [103] proceeded to Madapollam on the 20th *idem.* He [104] returned on 27th November and was [105] present at the consultations held on and after 1st December.

John Stables was secretary until Gyfford's departure. He was deputed to [106] accompany the president to Bengal, and his [107] place was taken by Samuel Owen.

Administration of subordinate factories—Vizagapatam.—In the second half of 1683 there were signs that the administration of the recently-created factory of Vizagapatam called for reform. The chief and one of his councillors were at open [108] enmity, and each charged the other with unfaithfulness to the company. In November Thomas Lucas and a junior servant, whose training as a linen draper was no doubt expected to be of service in an enquiry relating in great part to the quality of certain bales of cloth, had been [109] deputed to visit Vizagapatam, and to report where the fault lay. It soon appeared that the choice of the factory staff had been unhappy. Even after two months had passed, Lucas and Northey were no nearer the unravelment of the bewildering accounts. Every thing was [110] distracted, and [111] trade was declining. Extreme measures were called for, and on [112] 3rd March Lucas wrote to say that he had [113] suspended both the chief and the senior councillor. By the autumn, the diligence of Browne, a factor who for the time had succeeded to the [114] first place in the settlement,

[95] pp. 45, 60 *infra.* [96] p. 64 *infra.* [97] p. 86 *infra.*
[98] p. 46 *infra.* [99] p. 47 *infra.* [100] p. 64 *infra.*
[101] p. 124 *infra.* [102] *Ibid.* [103] p. 129 *infra.*
[104] p. 139 *infra.* [105] *Ibid.* [106] p. 83 *infra.*
[107] *Ibid., et seqq.* [108] Madras cons., II, 104. [109] *Ibid.*
[110] pp. 29, 103 *infra.* [111] p. 103 *infra.* [112] p. 28 *infra.*
[113] p. 29 *infra.* [114] p. 34 *infra.*

had made [115] such a "good beginning" in reducing chaos into order that on his request to be permitted to stay there, he was confirmed in the office of chief.

Madapollam.—On completing this enquiry, Lucas proceeded to Madapollam, which had been [116] placed under him in November 1683. Before long troubles arose there also. The council consisted of untried men: [117] three of them had never made an investment: two of them were strangers to the country. The new chief was well-meaning but evidently irresolute. Two years before [118] complaints had been made at the East India house about the quality of some of the Madapollam shipments. The court said that they were both dear and bad, and directed the council at Fort St. George to make some "abatement" on the goods to which exception had been taken. A standard was prescribed, and it was ruled that the bales supplied by the merchants were in every case to be compared with it. If on sortment, any difference was found, a deduction of [119] five per cent. on coarse materials, and of two per cent. on fine materials, was to be made. It was not, however, the first time that an abatement, or in other words a fine, had been necessary, and there was an abiding record of this in a [120] memorandum which was entered on every account and invoice. The government [121] commented on that note of ancient transactions. It seemed, they said, to stand in the way of fresh abatements, and was misleading as well as needless. The proper course was to work out the real price of goods and to set it down. To place a fictitious value on articles, and then to reduce it to their actual worth by successive subtractions could only do harm to the investment, which was "ye life of all." The repetition of the memorandum time after time must raise disputes, and make it difficult to obtain cheaper rates. And it was essential to obtain cheaper rates if the company were still to govern the market in London. Prices had gone down, and it would no longer be profitable to import some kinds of piece goods unless they could be had for less.

The merchants were however not slow in gauging the weakness of Lucas and his colleagues. They [122] importuned them persistently, and would not be "sattisfyed or give any hopes of bettering the Cloth"

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[115] p. 103 *infra*. [116] Madras cons., II, p. 103. [117] p. 125 *infra*.
[118] *Cf.* p. 114 *infra*. [119] *Ibid.* [120] p. 115 *infra*.
[121] *Ibid.* The letters extracted in the cons. of 6th October 1684 were circular and dated 9th August preceding, *Cf.* pp. 86 and 100 *infra*.
[122] pp. 116, 125 *infra*.

until the last abatement was taken off. Before long Lucas gave way and [123] made some half-promise that their request would be granted; and he [124] wrote to Fort St. George, to tell the council what he had done. He said that the successive abatements had [125] "been a great cause of bringing ye Cloth" of his factory "into so great disesteem"; and he laid stress on the [126] quantity of goods in the merchants' hands.

Such an argument might have moved Gyfford, but Gyfford was now in Bengal. It was [127] observed that Lucas's disregard of the positive orders given first by the directors, and then by the council of Fort St. George, was unintelligible. There were standards, and the goods delivered by the merchants should correspond to those standards. When the quality fell below them, the payments should be reduced by the stated percentages. If in the past the examination of the bales had been so superficial that the shortcomings of the articles supplied had at times been overlooked, that was "wholly the Neglects and faults of ye Persons Intrusted with ye Sorting and Receiving" the cloth. If the merchants had seen the error of their ways, and intended for the future to supply nothing but what would pass the standard, well and good. But what, it was asked, had that to do with Lucas's proposal to pay at rates far above those ruling for the same goods at other factories. The merchants at Metchlepatam and Pettipolee would of course follow the example set them at Madapollam. The fact that the stocks in the hands of the Madapollam merchants were large [128] was all the more reason why it should be "a very undue tyme" to allow higher rates. Lucas was [129] about to return to Madras; when he arrived, he might state the reasons, to which Yale and his colleagues were "yett wholly straingers," for making such proposals.

On 16th October Lucas was again [130] at the council board, and the question was [131] "long debated." No ground for receding from the opinions already expressed could be found. Credit would, it was said, be given to Lucas and the rest of the Madapollam factors for good intentions. Their error had proceeded rather from inexperience than evil purpose. The cure for ill-sorted and bad goods was not to pay the merchants higher rates, but to look to the sorting and to insist on proper

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[123] *Cf.* p. 126 *infra.*

[124] Madapollam letter of 20th Septr. 1684, *cf.* pp. 113, 116 *infra.*

[125] p. 116 *infra.*

[126] *Ibid.*

[127] p. 114.

[128] p. 116 *infra.*

[129] p. 114 *infra.*

[130] p. 124 *infra.*

[131] p. 125 *infra.*

quality. The action of Lucas had already [132] raised murmurings among the merchants at other factories on the coast. "Disputes and discontents" at the inequality of the prices paid for goods were imminent, and there was great danger that future as well as present investments would be prejudiced. The contract must be disannulled. Fortunately Lucas, as he now said, had left a loophole of escape. His proposal to return to Madapollam, and to repair himself what he had done, before too great an impression was made, was "most propper," and it would be so ordered.

On 1st December Lucas [133] reported that he had brought the trade at Madapollam into a joint-stock, and that thirty of the chief merchants had engaged for the future to provide cloth which would give the company no more occasion for complaint.

Cuddalore.—At the first consultation after Gyfford's departure, a circular letter was [134] addressed to the subordinate factories on the subject of retrenchment of charges, abatements on investments, careful sortment of goods and instant despatch of business. The answer to this from the Cuddalore chief and council [135] savoured more of "peramptory Capatulations then any sattisfaction to the business" in hand. They had moreover been remiss in observing the orders of the court in regard to correspondence. Two-thirds of a year had passed since any diary or book of account had come from them, although it was a strict rule that these should be forwarded every month to Fort St. George. It was "therefore ordered that a Sharp letter be wrote to reprehend them, for "their neglects," and to warn them unless they reformed their ways the penalties appointed would be inflicted on them.

Stock.—The tonnage sent from England was [136] large, and when a comparison was made between it and the stock of the year, there was a great disproportion. In July the goods and money for the investment of the year were reckoned to amount together to not more than two hundred and forty thousand pagodas. Further consignments, or else stock excluded from the original calculations, raised the total to [137] three hundred and thirty-four thousand.

Early however in October it was found that there had been a [138] misreckoning of some twenty-two and a half per cent., and that

[132] p. 126 *infra*.
[133] p. 139 *infra*.
[134] p. 86 *infra*.
[135] p. 100 *infra*.
[136] p. 65 *infra*.
[137] p. 111 *infra*.
[138] *Ibid*.

business had been needlessly hindered, as there was a sum of not much less than ninety-seven thousand pagodas more than had been supposed for division amongst the factories.

The necessity for reducing the number of subordinate settlements on the coast had more than once been the subject of debate, and the error in calculating the stock brought it [139] again into prominence. But there were weighty considerations against closing any factory. There would be of a loss of [140] influence if Masulipatam or Peddipollee in the north, or Conimere *cum* Porto Novo or Cuddalore in the south, were no longer to be occupied by the company's servants. The interlopers would not fail to step in, and "new and great charges to defeat them" would be needed. It was therefore resolved to maintain all the factories, but to insist on the [141] need for economy. There must be a general retrenchment of all charges: the fare must be frugal: no more servants than were absolutely necessary should be kept; and the number of peons should be lessened now that there was so little for them to do. Fort St. George [142] set the example. One of every two peons was dismissed, and the expenses at table were reduced.

Commission.—The "long and Chargable ill Custom of Dustore," under which interpreters received a [143] commission on their services, was [144] prohibited by the court, who termed it a "wicked Cheat," and it was ordered that for the future the chief interpreter should receive instead a fixed salary of a hundred pagodas a year, and others half that amount, at the cost of the [145] merchants.

Judge Advocate.—One of the articles in the royal letters patent [146] of 1683 had provided for the establishment of a new court of judicature, consisting of one person learned in the civil laws and two merchants, who should hear and determine all suits and causes. In a postscript to the [147] despatch from the directors which gave cover to a copy of the letters, it was explained that arrangements could not be at once made for nominating the person learned in the civil law, and the agent and governor at Fort St. George was appointed judge-advocate in the interim. The despatch [148] reached Madras, by way of Surat, on 29th April, and to the mind of Gyfford [149] "occationed the Silencing" of the existing

[139] p. 65 *infra.* [140] *Ibid.* [141] pp. 86, 114 *infra.*
[142] p. 88 *infra.* [143] *dastûri*, customary (commission).
[144] p. 115 *infra.* [145] p. 116 *infra.* [146] Dated 9th August 1683.
[147] Court to Fort St. George, 14th August 1683. [148] p. 38 *infra.*
[149] p. 67 *infra.*

court of judicature. He could not, he said, without precise directions, and acquaintance "with the methods" of the intended procedure, personally supply the place of judge-advocate; and the difficulty was met by inaction. When more than two months had passed, [150] complaints became loud, and disturbances frequent; and it was "thought "and agreed to be of absolute necessity for the Peace, Justice, Security "and Honour" of the government which in their wisdom had thus needlessly closed the only place where the law was administered, that, to put a stop to the "disquiet & discredit" caused by their proceedings, "the old Court of Judicature be again erected & that causes be heard & "decided there by Jurors as formerly by the Authority of the first "charter, till the Judge Advocate . . . arrive . . ."

Local and domestic incidents—Deaths.—The year seems to have been unhealthy for English residents at Madras. The mintmaster's assistant, Charles Mell, [151] died on 15th February; the second in council, John Bigrig, [152] on 4th July; and the captains, [153] William Dyke and [154] Sir John Wetwang, of the company's ships *Rochester* and *Royal James*, in the same month and within two days of one another.

Mutiny.—The death of the last-named was followed by a mutiny on board his ship. On the [155] examination of Sir John Wetwang's papers, instructions by the owners were found, appointing the chief mate, Marriner, to succeed to the command in the event of the captain's death. The government of Fort St. George thought it "convenient to confirm" these, and the fifth member of council[156] went on board the *Royal James* to ratify their orders to the officers and seamen. He [157] read the instructions, and the document confirming Marriner, aloud. When he had finished, there was a chorus of voices, led by a midshipman, that "they were very sorry for the news." Gray asked the speakers what they meant. They replied that "they reckoned [158] Capt John Wetwang was their commander," and that if they had thought it was ordered otherwise, they would not have taken service on the *Royal James*. Then

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[150] *Ibid.* [151] p. 19 *infra.* [152] p. 64 *infra.*
[153] p. 68 *infra.* [154] p. 69 *infra.* [155] p. 73 *infra.*
[156] p. 78 *infra.* [157] p. 79 *infra.*

[158] Captain John Wetwang is shown as commander of the *Royal James* in a note by Sir Henry Yule [on page lii of Hakl. Soc., Vol. LXXV] which relates to 1686–87. The style of Sir is prefixed in brackets to his name, probably by a natural confusion of the two Wetwangs. He was certainly her captain in May 1687 [Cons. 8th idem], so Marriner cannot have been long in command.

they went down to the middle deck with sullen curses. One of them took off his cap and waved it above his head: he was followed by many more who shouted "hurra" and "Captain John, Captain John." Marriner called again and again to the boatswain to put Arlington in the bilboes: the men round Arlington threatened to throw overboard any one who tried to enforce the orders of the captain: the boatswain pretended to have lost the key. Next day an [159] officer with a guard of soldiers boarded the *Royal James*, and brought on shore eleven of the ringleaders, who were [160] dispersed among the other ships.

Piracy.—In April some of the garrison were [161] discovered to be plotting to seize a sloop and turn pirates. The leader of the conspiracy, one Dutton, [162] pointed out a ketch from Malacca in the Madras roads, and said that the [163] governor had given him leave to take it. The matter was to be kept secret until enough men to work the vessel had been collected. Then Gyfford would [164] wink at it, and grant a pass. The conspirators met the next day in a [165] small choultry. Dutton read out a paper "wherein was Contayned that they should be true to one an-"other, and to yͤ King of England and that they should meddle with "noe Christians." The [166] ingredients for a bowl of punch were there; [167] several drank, and Jacobson, the pilot, on whose accession to the plot much turned, was [168] asked to join them in doing so. He refused, and then made some pertinent enquiries, at the answers to which "he laughed & bid yͤ Rest have a care for this was some trick." Some talk about a pass from the governor to clear those present followed, for several of them were beginning to be alarmed. Dutton, however, promised to see to this, and induced all who were there, the pilot alone [169] excepted, to consent to their names being set down, and to swear on the [170] point of his sword that they would keep secrecy. Jacobson [171] warned the rest that it was a piece of roguery, and [172] advised them not to allow Dutton to keep the list. The meeting then broke up on the promise of Dutton to [173] obtain a pass. After night had fallen, the conspirators again met, but Dutton and two others were absent. Alarm spread. The soldier to whom the list of names had been given proposed to tear it into bits. Every one took a piece and [174] chewed it up. Then they

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[159] p. 78 *infra*. [160] p. 83 *infra*. [161] p. 32 *infra*.
[162] pp. 157, 162 *infra*. [163] pp. 157, 158, 160 *infra*. [164] pp. 157, 162 *infra*.
[165] p. 157 *infra*. [166] pp. 157, 160, 162 *infra*. [167] p. 162 *infra*.
[168] p. 160 *infra*. [169] pp. 157, 160, 161 *infra*, but *cf*. p. 159 (Johnson's confession).
[170] p. 157 *infra*. [171] pp. 157, 158, 160, *infra*. [172] p. 157 *infra*.
[173] *Ibid*. [174] p. 158 *infra*.

dispersed. As some of them were on their way home, they met Dutton, in[175] disguise it would seem; he pressed them to come back to the choultry with him, saying that the pass[176] was in his pocket; but they would not. Next day the pilot was[177] shown a pass; and another of the party afterwards[178] affirmed that it had the company's seal on it, and the signatures of the governor and councillors, which had been[179] forged by Dutton. At this stage, the plot was divulged, and Dutton and others were[180] put in irons. It was resolved that[181] four of them should ride the wooden horse, and[182] nine men were allowed to cast lots which should be those four. Dutton was to be[183] sent home "to answer for his crime there." [184] In June however it was considered that expulsion from the town, under penalty of the renewal of the former sentence if he ventured to return, would be a sufficient punishment for him.

Discipline of troops.—[185] Complaints were made in August "of many notorious actions, (and villanous Crimes) committed," as was supposed, by the soldiers, whose quarters were outside the walls, and it was feared that many of the townspeople would, in their terror, leave the place. The purser was accordingly ordered to build sheds within the walls. The tattoo was to be beaten at nine at night, and every soldier was then to repair to his quarters at once under severe penalties.

In September Yale[186] mustered the men and read the orders of the garrison to them.

Some[187] days afterwards, it would seem, two of the "new Soldiers" abused and wounded in a drunken fit "severall of ye Native Inhabitants . . . to ye endaingering of their lives." They were imprisoned and put on a diet of rice and water. On the recovery of their victims, it was ordered that "a Publique seveer punnishment be inflicted" on the soldiers "in ye out Town, for ye sattisfaction of Justice and ye People, "and y^t^ part of their pay be stopt for some months to repair ye Charge "of ye Peoples cure."

In[188] November several soldiers "Sold and Pawned their Red Coats for no other reason but to sattisfy their drunken appitites," whereby they not only discredited "their Brethren and profession by their Rag-

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[175] pp. 158, 161, 162 *infra.* [176] pp. 158, 160 *infra.* [177] p. 160 *infra.*
[178] p. 159 *infra.* [179] p. 162 *infra.* [180] p. 32 *infra.*
[181] p. 36 *infra.*
[182] *Ibid.* The tenth of the party (pp. 157–163) who signed depositions was the pilot.
[183] p. 47 *infra.* [184] pp. 47, 48 *infra.* [185] p. 89 *infra.*
[186] p. 99 *infra.* [187] p. 110 *infra.* [188] p. 141 *infra.*

gid habbits & appearance" but also incapacitated themselves from doing their duty; and penalties against buyers and sellers were laid down to prevent the disgrace to the English "Nation and Religeon."

Charge against members of the government.—On the eve of Gyfford's departure to Bengal, a formal [189] enquiry was held regarding certain "papers of complaint" against him, Yale and others. A declaration purporting to be signed in Telugu by several washermen, taxing them with injustice and irregularities, had been produced by one van Luhorn, a [190] turbulent Dutchman who bore some grudge against Gyfford. The [191] washermen were called up, and it was found that they could not write. Internal evidence also proved the spuriousness of the document. Yale easily disposed of the charge launched against him by showing that the acts complained of were judicial, and not done singly or in a corner.

The offence of van Luhorn and a Hindu who had joined with him in attesting the charges was considered such as to call for extraordinary punishment; and sentence was deferred. Their "Villinous Scandalls" [192] seemed to Gyfford and his colleagues such as could not have suggested themselves to the unaided malice of those who had brought the charge: they were, it was probable, "wholy instigated by unworthy Mr. "Master & Cholmley, to recriminate their notorious miscarriages upon "the honest discoverers."

Contributions towards cost of garrison.—Three years previously the chief men of some of the Telugu merchant castes had [193] agreed to contribute five hundred pagodas a year towards the charges of the garrison. Their promise had not been fulfilled, and there was now [194] a combination against any such payment. The exercise of a little firmness was sufficient to break down this. The objectors were told by [195] Yale that if they disliked or would not obey his orders, they were free to sell their houses and remove elsewhere. The charge must, in short, not be disputed. On this the opposition collapsed, and all agreed to pay with arrears [196] nine, six, or three, fanams a year according as the house occupied was classed as great, small or little.

Tax.—The [197] levy of a monthly tax on all inhabitants of Madras, or, if the passive resistance to the impost was found to be insuperable, the collection of a benevolence, which might "possibly . . . have a better

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189 p. 83 *infra*. 190 Madras cons. I., p. 48. 191 p. 83 *infra*.
192 p. 84 *infra*. 193 *Cf.* p. 89 *infra*. 194 p. 96 *infra*.
195 *Ibid*. 196 Say, eighteen pence, a shilling, and sixpence. 197 pp. 88, 89 *infra*.

effect upon their willfull tempers," was also debated; and an attempt was made to raise the income from the customs by [198] a change in the method of assessment.

Cyclone.—On the [199] night of 3^{d} November "arose a very violent "Tempest from ye N.W. wch Continued Rounding to ye Southward for "about : 7 : hours, wth ye greatest Rage y^{t} Could be in ye force of wind." Torrents of [200] rain came with it, and the rivers were in such flood as to be [201] impassable by the foot-posts even a week afterwards. In the fort itself [202] "scarcly a frame windore or doar" remained, and "ye out town" was "most in a ruinous devastation left open to ye Severity of ye weather." The centre of the cyclone was north of Madras, and therefore the wind blew off shore and there was "no prejudice" from the sea. The damage done to the town was set down at about twenty thousand pagodas. For forty miles to the west and north the storm raged with equal fury, and at Pulicat the neighbouring river [203] "drove in upon them."

Encroachment of sea.—On [204] 24th December the sea which had for three or four days before "come up very high," encroaching on Sir William Langhorn's battery, undermined it and broke down part, leaving the rest "in a daingerous Condition."

Murders.—On [205] 2^{d} April a "Black fellow was . . . indicted for Murther & the Bill found against him." Three days afterwards he was [206] tried and condemned, and on 9th April he was [207] executed.

On 23^{d} September, a [208] 'Moorish' ship captain and his clerk were murdered in their sleep, and a week later the accused and others supposed to be his accomplices were [209] brought to trial together with a faqir, who had been [210] long in confinement on the charge of killing a boy at Ennore. Two of the prisoners were found guilty by a [211] jury of six Englishmen and six "Moormen of their owne Religion," and on this they "confessed ye same in Court." Sentence of death was then passed by Yale.

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[198] pp. 95, 96 *infra.* [199] p. 131 *infra.* [200] p. 132 *infra.*
[201] p. 133 *infra.* [202] p. 132 *infra.* [203] *Ibid.*
[204] p. 150 *infra.* [205] p. 32 *infra.* [206] *Ibid.*
[207] p. 33 *infra.* [208] pp. 109, 111 *infra.* [209] p. 111 *infra.*
[210] p. 109 *infra.* [211] p. 111 *infra.*

CHELTENHAM,
November 1894.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE JANUARY $16\frac{83}{84}$.

THE DYARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK OF THE AGENT GOVERNOUR AND COUNCILL OF FORT ST. GEORGE THEIR PROCEEDINGS AND TRANSACTIONS FOR AFFAIRES OF THE HONBLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN THE AGENCY OF THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 26th past. — *₱mo. Genll from Coodaloor.*

The Pag^{o} 3000 order'd for Madapollam Factory, was delive[red] to Peons y^{t} were to go along with Mr Lucas. — *P 3000 sent to Madapollam.*

This evening Mr Thomas Lucas & his Lady, Mr Benj^{a} Northey Mr Nathan^{ll} Gyfford & Mr Gabriell Roberts sett out for Madapollam. — *Mr Lucas &ca Sett out for Madapollam.*

Att a Consultation Extraõ.

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour. — *Wensday 2.*

Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.

Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Honble Comp^{as} Merchants were sent for, & as hath bee[n] accustomed for a new years Gift, they were Tasherift as followeth vizt. — *The Merchants Tasherift.*

Fine broad Cloth vizt.	Yards.
Chena Vencatadre ...	3 :—
Timmana	2 : ½
Moodu Verona ...	2 : ½
Allingall Pilla ...	2 : ½
Teggapa Chitty ...	2 : ½
Rammapa	2 :—
Narrand	2 : ½
Yards ...	17 : ½

Ordinary broad Cloth vizt.	Yards.
Pedde Naigue ...	3 :—
Vincate Puttee ...	2 : ½
Gunla Rangapa ...	2 :—
The Mulla	2 :—
Chena Tombe ...	2 :—
Yards ...	11 : ½

Guns fired.

and att their going out of the Fort itt is order'd that Nine great Guns be fired as usuall.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

2. Sloop arrived from Madapollam.

This afternoon a new sloop belonging to Madapollam arrived here from thence.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday 3.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Chena Vencatadre & Sura Appana agreed to signe the Obligation but raised new scruples.

Chena Vencatadre & Sura Appana who had agreed to the signing an Obligation, (a Coppy wherof is enter'd the 29th of last moneth) about the Payment of the Six Thousand Pagodas to the Duan, came this morning & were discoursed about itt but they raised new Scruples, & refused to signe, so, that not being done, Itt is resolved to deferr the paymt of the money.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Generll from Pettepollee.

Recd a Generall from Pettepollee dated the 22th past with Coppy of their Books of Accounts for this Place, & they advise that another Coppy shall follow very speedily for England.

4. A Fire in the Merchants Godowne.

Last night about Twelve a Clock ther happened a fire in the Merchants old Godown, which was near Three howers before it was put out, in which time itt consumed & damaged 935 ps to Browne Long Cloth.

Generall from Conimeer.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 31th past wherin they advise that they have Goods Sufficient to lade both the Sloops [vizt] The Mary & the Conimeer, & did not question but to have eno[ugh] to lade the Kent besides.

5. Genera'l from Coodaloor.

A Generall to Coodaloor of this date was sent to the Councill for their approbation, then Coppied fair, Signed & Sent forward.

This morning the Ship Welfare Capt William Wildey Comand[r] arrived here from Bengall, & att Noon the Captaine came ashoar, & brought a Generall dated in Hugley the 17th [o]f last moneth, with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for 2720 Bags Saltpeetre consigned to this place, besides which there is 780 Bags more of Saltpeetre aboard her for Quintaledge, wch they have consigned directly to the Honble Compa and they advise us that itt pleased God very lately to take out of this World their most inveterate enemy[1] Boolcund, & that the three Interlopers Alley,[2] Read & Smith were making great hast to come up to the Coast.

6. Ship Welfare fro[m] Bengall. Boolchund dead. Interlopers making hast to the Coast.

Att a Consultation—

Present :

Munday 7.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governor.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Councill taking Capt William Wildeys Charterparty into consideration & finding that his stay in India is no longer then the 20th Instant, att which time he is to go away laden or unladen, therfore we resolve to dispatch him by tha[t] time, to prevent paying dead freight, & knowing itt will bee a great disreputation to the Honble Compa att this time to send home an empty Ship, besides itt would bee a great hazard in a Winter voyage, he having been in the Country twelve months already, & for the same reasons we resolve to send home the Kent in Company with him, & to endeavour to dispatch the Josia in such due time, as she may save her passage about the Cape, & concerning the George we have little hopes as yett but that she will bee a Winter ship, (she touching att all the Factorys along the Coast) though we shall use our utmost endeavours, to dispatch her with all expedition after her arrivall here.

Capt Wildeys Charter party taken into consideration. To be dispatcht by the 20th Instant. The reasons. The Kent to be dispatcht with him & the Josia to Save her passage. The George it is feared will be a Winter Ship.

Order'd that letters be wrott to Madapollam, Metchlepatam & Pettepollee Factorys, that if they have any remaines after the George is dispatch't from each place, that they immediatly send itt up hether upon some Country Vessells or Boates hoping itt may be here in time to go home by the Josia or the George.

Goods to bee sent from the Northern Factorys in Vessells or Boats.

Three Generalls vizt To Madapollam, to Metchlepatam & to Pettepollee all of this date read & passed.

Three Genells read & past.

[1] &ca. See notes on pp. 165 to 190.

The Welfare to be unloaded.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper unlade the 2720 Bags of Saltpeetre out of the Welfare, which are consigned to this Place.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

8. Genll from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 4th Instant.

Genll from Conimeer.

Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 6th Instant.

Att a Consultation Extraõ.

Present :

Wensday 9.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governor.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Chena Vencatadre & Sura Appana agreed to Signe the Obligation. [P] 6000 to be paid them. Sura Appana & the Dithwan that brought the Phirmaund Tasherift.

This morning Chena Vencatadre & Sura Appana, having further considered upon the Obligation enter'd in this Book the 29th past did now consent to signe the same, upon which [itt] is agreed, that for the former reasons in a Consultation dated the 29th of last moneth, the Six Thousand Pagodas be paid them, after they have signed the said Obligation & that three yards of fine Broad Cloth be given to Sura Appana & three yards of Serge, three yards of Ordinary Broad Cloth & five Pagodas to the Dithwan that brought the Phirmaund & five Pagodas amoungst the rest that came with him, as hath been accustomed.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Letter from Ambogee Puntolo.

Recd a letter from Ambogee Puntolo att Conimeer.

[A] Sloop sailed for Sumatra.

The Sloop belonging to Doctr Dowglasse in the Bay sailed hence for the Coast of [3] Sumatra.

[P] 6000 paid.

Chena Vencatadre & Sura Appana having signed the Obligation the Six Thousand Pagodas was paid them this afternoon as agreed upon in the morning.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Governour. — Thursday 10.
M[r] JOHN BIGRIG. M[r] ELIHU YALE.
M[r] JOHN NICKS. M[r] JOHN LITTLETON.

The Governours Cash Book for the moneth of December read & passed the Ballance being ... ... P 11303 : 17 : 0. — Cash Book for [X] ber read and past.

The Journall of the Generall Books of Acc[ts] for the moneth of November read & passed. — Genll Books for [9]ber read and past.

The Warehouseday book of Acc[ts] for the moneth of December read & passed. — Warehouse day Book for X ber read & past.

The Customer M[r] John Nicks his Book of Acc[ts] for the month of December read & passed as followeth viz[t]. — Customers Accts for Decembr read & past.

Sea & Land Custome of Goods imported & exported	P 4 : 06 : 62
Petty land Custome	„ 49 : 06 : 10
Paddy Toll att the Banksall	„ – : 32 : 30
Measurers duty	„ 5 : 17 : 52
Weighers duty	„ – : – : –
Broakeridge	„ – : – : –
Register of Houses Slaves &c[a] ...	„ – : 30 : –
Rent of the God[illegible] ...	„ 6 : 13 : –
	P 66 : 34 : 4

M[r] John Nicks his Acc[t] of the Mint for the moneth of Dece[m[r]] read & passed as followeth viz[t]. — 10. Mr John Nicks his acct of the Mint for X ber read & past.

1 Chest of the Hon[ble] Comp[as] Gold N° R p̄ the Josia produced Nett ...	P 37803 : 13 :[ ]

The Paymaster M[r] John Littleton his Book of Accounts for the moneth of December read & passed as followeth Viz[t]. — Paymasters Acct for Decemr read & past.

Charges Garrison	P 625 : 12 : 5
Charges Generall	„ 401 : 32 : 5
Charges Dyett	„ 164 : 32 : 5
Charges Cattle	„ 40 : 13 : 1
Charges Merchandise	„ 69 : 26 : 0
Acc[t] Fortifications Repaires &c[a] ...	„ 254 : 01 : 5
	P 1556 : 11 : 3

Rosewater to be sent to Conimeer.

Order'd that two Chests of Rosewater be sent to Conimee[r] Factory by a Boat now bound to Portonovo, they advisein[g] their want of itt.

P 200 to be paid the Washermen.

Order'd that P 200 be paid the Washermen on acc[t] of Washin[g] & Whitening the Hon[ble] Comp[as] Callicoes.

Genll to Coodaloor Letter to our Egib.

A Generall to Coodaloor & a Letter from the Agent to our Eg[ib] Braminee att Gulcondah both of this date read & passed.[3]

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

Genll from Vizagapatam.

Rec[d] a Generall from Vizagapatam p̄ a [4] Parr dated 4th Instant.

12. Sloop for Burneo.

This morning the new Sloop sailed hence for [5] Burneo.

12. [F]our Generalls [a]pproved.

Four Generalls of this date viz[t] To Metchlepatam To Pettepollee To Conimeer & To Coodaloor were sent to the Councill for their approbation then Coppied fair, Signed & Sent forward.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Munday 14.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Governour.
M[r] JOHN BIGRIG. M[r] ELIHU YALE.
M[r] JOHN NICKS. M[r] JOHN LITTLETON.

Mr Littleton to Muster the Welfare & Kents men.

Order'd that M[r] John Littleton goes aboard the Welfare & the Kent & Muster the Ships Company as soon as they fire a Gunn for being full.

Capt Wildey desires more Quintaledge. What freight to receive for itt. Itt is orderd to be loaded.

Cap[t] Wildey finding the Quintaledge he took in att Bengall not to be sufficient to make his Ship Sailworthy, hath now made his request to have 128 Bags more of Saltpeetre, for which hee is to receive no more then Eleaven Pounds p̄ Ton Freight, as the other ships have for the Quintaledge they require more then the 16 p̄ Cent agreed upon in their Charterpartys, which the Councill consent to, & the Warehouskeeper is order'd accordingly to Send them aboard.

A letter from the Agent to Ambogee Puntolo read & passed. Letter to Ambogee Puntolo.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN STABLES Secry. JOHN LITTLETON.

Recd a Genll from Madapollam dated the 5th Instant advising th[at] the George arrived there that day. 15. Genll from Madapollam. George arriv'd there.

Coppy of Capt Willm Wildeys request for Quintaledge.
To the Right Worpll William Gyfford Esqr
Agent & Governour &ca Councill.

I find that the Quintaledge which I took in, in the Bay, is not Sufficient, therfore I desire you would be pleased to lett me have [One]hundred Twenty Eight Bags of Saltpeetre more to make my Ship Sailworthy, which will be a great security for her & the Honble Compa Goods in doing which you will oblidge. Capt Wildey's request for Quintaledge.

Fort St George ye 14th January $16\frac{83}{84}$

Right Worpll Sr &ca
Your Most humble Servant,
WILLIAM WILDEY.

This afternoon Capt Brennock Commander of the Ship Kent fired a Gun for a Signe of his Ships being full. 16. Capt Brennock fired a Gunn for full.

Recd a letter from our Braminee Egib att Gulcondah. Letter from our Egib.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour. Thursday 17.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Five Generalls read & past vizt To Madapollam, To Metchlepata[m], To Pettepollee, To Vizagapatam, To Conimeer all of this date. Five Genlls read & past.

Order'd that P 200 be paid the Taylors on Acct of making Shirts & Shifts they have brought in, there being more due to them. P 200 to be paid the Taylors.

The Warehouskeeper having Seaverall dayes advised the Councill of Ship Welfares tardynesse in receiving & stowing away the Goods, order'd & sent them (dayly re[t]urning the Boats with their goods) alledging they have not hands Sufficient to dispatch Welfares [fault] if she be [not] despatcht[in] time.

them, though we have spared them tenn [6] Laskars for that purpose, itt appea[r]s to be wholy their faults if she be not laden and dispatched in due time.

[Thi]s Book to[en]d.

Order'd that this Book do now end, the Coppy therof to be sent home by the Welfare to the Honble Comp^a^ & a new one begun.

William Gyfford.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Stables Sec^ry^. John Littleton.

18. Capt Wildey fired [a] gun for full.

This morning Capt William Wildey Commander of the Ship Welfare, fired a Gun for a signe that his Ship was full.

Att a Consultation Extrao͞.

Present:

Satterday 19.

William Gyfford Esqr Agent & Govern^r^.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks. Mr John Littleton.

Genll to the Honble Compa read & past.

A Generall to the Honble Comp^a^ dated this day to be sent p̄ the Welfare read & past & the Duplicate to go by ye Kent.

Capt Wildey & Capt Brennock's dispatches for England read & past.

Capt William Wildey Commander of the Welfare his dispatch for England read & past.

Capt Thomas Brennock Commander of the Kent, his dispatch for England read & past.

Mr John Littleton's Muster of Welfare & Kents men.

Mr John Littleton reports the Muster of Ship Welfare's men to be 43 Living & of Ship Kents men to be 23 living.

A Bill given upon the Honble Compa.

Rec^d^ of Mr John Bigrig & Mr Elihu Yale fifteen hundred Pagodas for which a Bill is given upon the Honble Comp^a^ payab[le] to [7] Mrs Judith & Mary Sayon att Nine Shillings p̄ Pagoda being Six hundred Seaventy five pounds Sterling.

William Gyfford.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Stables Sec^ry^. John Littleton.

20. Capt Wildeys dispatch for England delivered him.

Delivered Capt Wildey his dispatch for England with the Packett to the Honble Comp^{a} Bag of Particular letters, and Box of Books.

Capt Brennocks dispatch for England delivered him.

Delivered Capt Brennock his dispatch for England wi[th] the Packett to the Honble Comp^{a} & Box of Books.

Genll from Coodaloor.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 16 Instant, wherin they advise of the death of Mr Dearing at Potonovo.

Coodaloor Genlls to Conimeer & their answers.

Rec^{d} Coppy of Coodaloor Generalls to Conimeer and thei[r] answers.

21. Munday No Consultation.

The Agent being ill & no business presenting the Counci[ll] did not meet today.

Capt Wildey & Brennock sett Sail for England.

This afternoon Capt Wildey & Capt Brennock went aboa[rd] and Some time after Sett Sail for England.

Genll from Metchlepa George arrived there.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Metchlepatam dated the 11th Instant advising that the George arrived there that day.

Letter from Dr Grudgfield.

Rec^{d} a letter from Doct^{r} Grudgfield dated the 12th Instant.

22. Genll from Conimeer.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated the 20th Instant wth a pair of Bookes of Accounts.

Genll from Vizagapatam.

Rec^{d} a Generall, from Vizagapatam dated the 3^{d} Instant with their Acc^{t} Cash, Stewards Acc^{ts} & Acc^{t} Currant for Oct^{r} & November, also Invoyce & Bill of Lading for 318 Bales of Callicoes laden on board the George.

Letter from Mr Jardin.

Rec^{d} a letter from Mr du Jardin att Vizagapatam Dated the 3^{d} Instant.

Letter from Mr Jardin to Mr Ramsden.

Rec^{d} Coppy of letter from Mr du Jardin to Mr Ramsden dated the 11th Instant.

Att a Consultation Extraõ.

Present:

Wensday 23.

William Gyfford Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks. Mr John Littleton.

Josia to be dispatcht to Conimeer & Coodaloor.

Order'd that the Ship Josia be dispatcht from hence on Tuesday or Wensday next att farthest, for Conimeer & so to Coodaloor to take in what Bales they have in a readinesse, &

The reason.

Bales to be sent in Boats to her.

that the Bales from hence be sent after her, wch may be the occation of saving her passage, by reason that whilst she is lading there, the Merchants may bring in their Goods here to be Sorted & Baled & Sent to her on Boats, wherby we Shall gaine time in her dispatch, wh[ich] otherwise will endanger her Wintering.

Interlopers feared may have goods att Metchlepatam.

Though we were in hopes that the [8] Two Thousand Pagod[as] formerly given att Metchlepatam, might have prevented the Interlopers having any Goods there, yet upon their la[te] advice dated the 11th Instant, that they fear the Interlopers may by one meanes or other, have the overplus of their Good[s] provided, Itt is therfore agreed that a letter be writ to the Chief & Councill there, to allow their Merchants 12p̄ Cent Intrest (If they can be persuaded to part with them soe) to Secure them from the Interlopers, Notwithstanding they must lye by, we having no ship att present to receive them, but that first of all, arguments be used wth that Governour to be as good as his word & prevent any Goods going off from thence.

12 p̄ Cent to be allowed their Merchants.

the reason

Governour ther to be discoursed.

Conimeer & Coodaloor Factory's to be advised of the Josia's coming.

Order'd that letters be writt to Conimeer & Coodaloor Factory[s] to advise them that the Josia will be dispatcht thether in a few dayes, that they may be in a readinesse against her coming.

Mr Wilkes requests an allowance for fresh provissions.

to be consider'd of

desires an order to be recd aboard the Josia with his Lady.

[& for] two of his family.

Orders to be given him.

Mr Timothy Wilkes now making his request to have an allowance for fresh provissions, for his homeward bound voyage, which he designes upon the Josia, Itt is agreed to be considered of tomorrow, & that in the meane time, the Registers be inquired into, what others have been allowed in this case, & likewise desiring an order for himself & Lady to be received aboard the Josia, on the Honourable Companys account, and another for Edward Baugus & Rebecca a Slave wench to Mr Wilkes he to pay for their passage, Itt is agreed that the said orders be given him.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

23. Letter from Accana to Lingapa.

Rec^{d} a letter from Braminee Accana to Braminee Lingapa.

Recd a letter from Braminee Ramana att9 Serrepe to the Agent dated the 14th Instant. Letter from Ramana.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Goverr. Thursday 24.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Mr Timothy Wilkes his request which he made yesterday for fresh provissions, being taken into consideration Itt is thought convenient to allow him Sixty Pagodas and 10 a Mum Barrill of Bear, there having been a proportionable allowance, formerly granted to others upon the like occation. Allowance granted Mr Wilkes for fresh provissions.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

A Portuguez ship from Vizagapatam arrived here. 24. Ship from Vizagapatam.

Four Generalls of this date Vizt To Metchlepatam, To Coodaloor, To Conimeer & to Mr William Dixon Master of the Sloop Mary were sent to the Councill for their approbation, then Coppied fair, signed & Sent forward. 25. Four Genlls read & past.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 22th Instant with Coppy of their Dyary & Consultations for England. 26. Genll from Coodaloor.

This night about Nine a Clock the George Capt Earning arrived in this road from Metchlepatam, & the Friends Endeavour Ralph Harwar Mr from the Bay. George arrived from Metchlepatam. Doctr Harwar from ye Bay.

This morning Capt Earning & Doctr Harwar came ashoar. 27. Capt Earning & Doctr Harwar came ashoar.

Recd two Genlls from Metchlepatam dated the 22th Instant with Invoyce of Goods p̄ the George. TwoGeneralls from Metchlepatam.

Recd Coppy of Capt Earnings letter to the Chief &ca Councill att Metchlepatam dated the 11th Instant, wherin he desire[s] to be dispatcht to the ffort [&] not to Pettepollee. Coppy of a letter from Capt Earning.

27. Genll from Vizagapatam. Recd a Generall from Vizagapatam dated the p̄mo Instant.

Genll from Madapollam. Recd a Generall from Madapollam dated the 10th Instant with Invoyce of goods p̄ the George, & a List of their remaines.

Madapollam Genll to the HonbleCompa. Recd a Generall from Madapollam to the Honble Compa dated the 10th Instant.

Genll from Mr Lucas &c att Madapollam. Recd a Generall from Mr Thomas Lucas Cheief &ca Councill att Madapollam dated the 23th Instant.

Munday 28. The Councill mett. The Councill mett but no businesse to proceed upon.

29. Letter from Mr Dixon. Recd a letter from Mr William Dixon Master of Sloop Mary dated yesterday.

Ship from Pegu. This night a Small Ship from Pegue arrived here.

Att a Consultation Extraõ.

Present :

Wensday. WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Gover.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Generlls read & past. A Generall to Coodaloor of this date read & past.

A Generall to Conimeer of this date read & past.

Two Generalls to Mr William Dixon Master of Sloop Mary read & past.

30. Capt Owen's dispatch read and past. Capt Nathaniell Owen his dispatch for the Southern Factorys, & thence for England read & past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Genll from Conimeer. Recd a Generall from Conimeer dated the 27th Instant.

Capt Owen's dispatch delivered him. This afternoon about four a Clock Capt Owens dispatch was delivered him, & he went aboard with Mr Wilkes & his Lady.

31. He Sett Saile. This morning the Josia Sailed hence for Conimeer.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Goverr.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Thursday 31.

Wheras there hath been many complaints made to the Governour & Councill by the Inhabitants of this place, of the great injuries & losses they have susteined by the Dutch their [11] taking of Bantam, Itt is therfore thought convenient, having received their [12] particular and Generall Petitions, that the latter be sent home to the Houble Compa a coppy wherof is to be entr'd att the end of this Book.

Complaint made by the Inhabitants of this place. their Petition to be sent to the Honble Compa.

Order'd that Mr John Littleton Purser goes aboard the George & muster the Ships company.

Mr Littleton to Muster Ship George's men.

Order'd that the Warehouskeeper unlade the Europe goods out of the George which she brought from Metchlepatam.

Europe goods to be unladed out of the George.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

Recd a Genll from Pettepollee dated the 24th Instant with Coppy of their Books of Accts Stewards book of expences & Consultations for last moneth.

31. Genll from Pettepollee with Books.

A Generall to Conimeer of this date was Sent to the Councill for their approbation, then Coppied fair, signed, and Sent forward.

February p no. Genll to Conimeer.

Recd a Generall from Pettepollee dated the 26th past.

Genll from Pettepollee.

Recd a Generall from Metchlepatam dated the 24th past with Coppy of their Books of Accts Stewards Book of Expences, and Coppies of their Letters sent.

Genll from Metchlepatam with Books.

Recd a Generall from Vizagapatam dated the 27th past, by Mr Fleetwood with two Country Vessells which bring 229 Bales of Callicoes besides [13] Turmerick and Europe goods.

2. Genll from Vizagapatam. Goods from thence.

Att a Consultation Extraõ.

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Gover.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Saterday 2.

Genll to the Honble Compa. A Generall to the Honble Comp[a] of this day date to be Sent by the George & the Duplicate by the Josia read & past.

Muster of Ship George's men. M[r] John Littleton reports the Muster of Ship George's men being 105 living.

Vizagapatam goods order'd to Conimeer for the Josia. M[r] Charles Fleetwood arriving here this morning from Vizagapatam, with 229 Bales of Callicoes, Turmerick & Europe goods in two Country Vessells, Itt is order'd that he go aboard this evening, & make the best of his way to Conimeer with the said goods, that the 229 Bales of Callicoes may be laded aboard the Josia, except the Brown Cloth, if there be no occation for itt, but the Turmerick & Europe goods to be left att the Factory till further order.

Also goods of this ffactory. Order'd that 100 Bales of Callicoes of this Factory be sent to Conimeer, by a Country Vessell, & that two Englishmen, be sent with them for their Security, to be laded also aboard the Josia, which we hope will fill her, and so save her going to Coodaloor, which will be a great meanes for her to save her passage to England.

Genll to Conimeer. A Generall to Conimeer of this date read & past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN STABLES Sec[ry]. JOHN LITTLETON.

3\.
Genll from Conimeer. Rec[d] a Generall from Conimeer dated yesterday.

Genll to Conimeer. A Generall to Conimeer of this date was sent to the Councill for their approbation, then Coppied fair Signed and Sent forward.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

Munday 4. WILLIAM GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Gov[r].
M[r] JOHN BIGRIG. M[r] ELIHU YALE.
M[r] JOHN NICKS. M[r] JOHN LITTLETON.

Two Genlls read & past. Two Generalls Viz[t] to Coodaloor & to Conimeer both of this date read & past.

4\.
Capt Earnings dispatch for England read & past. Cap[t] Earnings dispatch for England of this date read & past.

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Mr John Walker who formerly came out upon the Lancaster, having requested our order, for his return to England upon the George, Itt is agreed that itt be given him.

An order given Mr Walker for his passage to England upon the George.

William Gyfford.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.

John Stables Secry.

Att four a Clock this afternoon Capt Earnings dispatch for England was delivered him & the Capt went aboard.

Capt Earnings dispatch delivered him.

This evening a Generall to Conimeer of this day date was sent to the Councill for their Approbation, then Coppied fair, Signed & Sent forward.

Genll to Conimeer.

5\. Capt Earning Sailed.

This morning Capt Earning sailed hence for England.

This Evening the Rialta a Country ship arrived here from Bengall.

Ship from Bengall.

6\. Genll from Conimeer.

Recd a Genll from Conimeer dated the 4th Instant.

Recd advice from [14] Lampacon in China that [15] the Tarters had taken Tyevan & the Honble Compas servants there, were in Prison.

Tyevan taken.

Att a Consultation Extraõ. Afternoon.

Present :

Wensday 6.

William Gyfford Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr John Bigrig. Mr Elihu Yale.
Mr John Nicks. Mr John Littleton.

A Generall to the Honble Compa of this day date to be Sent to Conimeer to go by the Josia read & past.

Genll to the Honble Compa.

William Gyfford.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.

John Stables Secry.

Recd a letter to the Agent from Sangana dated p̄mo Instant.

Letter from Sangana.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday 7.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

A supply of mony desired from Pettepollee P 1000 to be Sent to Pettepollee.

The Chief & Councill att Pettepollee having advised us that they had but Pago 200 in Cash & desiring a Supply to defray Factory charges, Itt is order'd that Pago 1000 be sent them, which is more then we can well Spare, because we have but a small Cash left.

Letter to Sangana.

A letter from the Agent of this day date to Sangana read & Past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

8. Genll to Pettepollee with P 1000

A Genll to Pettepollee of this day date was sent to the Councill for the Approbation, then Coppied fair signed and Sent forward with the P 1000 order'd yesterday.

Letter to our Bramine with Lingapa.

A letter from the Agent to our Bramine that is with Lingapa approved & Sent forward.

9. Letter from Sangana.

Recd a letter from Sangana dated the 8th Instant.

Genll to Vizagapatam.

A Genll to Vizagapatam of this day date was sent to the Councill for their Approbation, then Coppied fair, signed and sent forward.

Three Gentue Letter's recd

Recd a letter from the Avaldar of St Thomé.
Recd a letter from our Braminee with Lingapa.
Recd a letter from the Vizagapatam Merchants.

10. Ship for Trangambar

This Morning the Portuguez ship that came from Vizagapatam Sailed hence for Trangambar.

Att a Consultation Extraõ in the Evening.

Present :

Sunday 10.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governour.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Having late last night rec^{d} a letter from Sangana (which is now translated) wherin he possitivly writes us, that except we take the Cloth, which is provided for ye Interlopers, & send some of our Merch^{ts} to Sort itt, with mony to pay for itt, wthin three dayes, that itt should be delivered to the Interlopers, he having agreed with them, as he did with us ([16] as exprest in his letter) Itt was thought convenient upon this extraordinary occation, to call the Councill, to consider about itt, And itt is agreed to pay our Merchants Pag^{o} 10000 to buy the same, att the usuall rates, to be sorted by our Musters here & that a letter be writt immediatly to Sangana to acquaint him what we had done.

Sangana offers us the Cloth provided for the Interlopers.

P 10000 to be paid our merchants to buy itt.

A letter from the Agent to Sangana read & past.

Letter to Sangana.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

The Councill all mett but no business to proceed upon only a letter from the Agent to the Avaldar of St Thomé of this day date was read & past.

Monday 11. No Consultation. Letter to the Avaldar of St Thomé.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Conimeer dated the 9th Ins^{t} advising that the 8th they dispatcht the Josia for England.

Genll from Conimeer. Josia dispatcht.

A Country Vessell from [17] Raccan arrived in this Road.

Ship from Raccan.

Rec^{d} a letter from Sangana dated the 10th Instant.

Letter from Sangana.

Rec^{d} Coppy of Capt John Smiths letter to Sangana dated the 6th Instant which Sangana Sent us.

Smiths Letter to Sangana.

A letter from the Agent to Sangana was sent to the Councill for their Approbation then translated into Gentue, signed, & Sent forward.

12. Letter to Sangana.

Rec^{d} a letter from the [18] Terufdar of the Carlinga Country & two papers signed by the Merch^{ts} & Inhabitants.

Letter from Terufdar of the Carlinga Country.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday 14.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Gove^{r}.
M JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

The Governours Cash Book for the moneth of Janua^{ry} read & past the Ballance being ... ... P 15450 : 21 : 0.

Cash Book for Janry read & past.

Journall of the Genll books read & past.

The Journall of the Generall books of Accts for the moneth of December read & past.

Warehousday Book read & past.

The Warehousday Book of Accts for the moneth of January read & past.

14.
Customers Book read & past.

The Customer Mr John Nicks his Book of Accts for the moneth of January read & past as followeth Vizt.

Sea & Land Custome	P	29 : 28 : 61
Petty land Custome	,,	40 : 07 : 14
Paddy Toll att the Banksall	,,	— : 33 : 26
Measurers duty	,,	3 : 16 : 33
Weighers duty	,,	— : 06 : 40
Broakeridge	,,	— : — : —
Register of Houses, Slaves &ca ...	,,	— : 30 : —
	P	75 : 14 : 86

Paymasters Book read & past.

The Paymaster Mr John Littleton his Book of Accts for the moneth of Janyry read & past as followeth Vizt.

Charges Garrison	P	620 : 19 :—
Charges Generall	,,	283 : 19 : 5
Charges Dyet	,,	128 : 22 : 4
Charges Cattle	,,	36 : 02 : 4
Charges Merchandise	,,	187 : 03 : 5
Acct ffortifications, Repairs &ca ...	,,	154 : 18 : 4
	P	1410 : 14 : 4

Paddy Grounds to be lett.

The Paddy Grounds belonging to ye Honble Compa being formerly lett by Agent Master & Councill to Patsova Kisnoma for P 60 p̄ Ann̄, who being very much behindhand in his payment of ye Rent, Itt is agreed that the said Paddy Grounds be lett to sufficient Persons, att the same rate if we can, & that the said Patsova Kisnoma, with what shall be found belonging to him be secured, till he hath paid his Arrears.

William Gyfford.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.

John Stables Secry.

Rec^d a letter from Lingapa dated this moneth, with his receipt for the Rent of the Town, & a Rocca from him to the Avaldar of Palliacatt. 14. Letter &ca from Lingapa.

Rec^d a letter from our Bramine that is with Lingapa dated this moneth. Letter from our Bramine with Lingapa.

Rec^d a Generall from Metchlepatam dated the 31th past, with Coppy of their Consultation Book, Invoyce & Bill of Lading for 117 Bales of Callicoes p̄ a Country vessell. Generall &ca from Metchlepatam.

Rec^d a Generall from Madapollam dated the 4th Instant. Genll from Madapollam.

Rec^d a Generall from Vizagapatam dated the 29th past. Genll from Vizagapatam.

This night about Eight a Clock Mr Charles Mell one of the Honble Comp^a Factors departed this life. 15. Mr Mell dyed.

This morning Doct^r Harwar sailed hence for the Bay of Bengall. 16. Doctr Harwar sailed.

A letter from the Agent to the Tarrufdar of the Carlinga Country was sent to the Councill for their approbation, then translated into Gentue, signed and sent forward. Letter to the Tarrufdar of the Carlinga Country.

Rec^d a Gen^ll from Conimeer dated the 15th Instant, with Coppy of their Generall to the Honble Comp^a p̄ the Josia dated the 6th Instant. 17. Genll from Conimeer.

This afternoon Sloops Mary & Conimeer arrived here from Coodaloor, the former with 120 Bales & the latter with 74 Bales of the Honble Comp^as Callicoes. Sloops Mary & Conimeer from Coodaloor.

This night Mr Fleetwood & Mr Stubbs arrived here wth the two Vizagapatam Vessells from Conimeer. Mr Fleetwood & Mr Stubbs from Conimeer.

Rec^d a letter from our Merchants att Conjeveron, which went to buy the Interlopers Cloth of Sangana. 18. Letter from Conjeveron.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Munday 18.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Gove^r.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Having this morning rec^d a letter from our Merch^ts att Conjeveron, wherin they express, how ill they were treated by Sangana, Itt is thought convenient that a letter be immediatly writt to Sangana about itt. Sangana treating our Merchts ill. A letter to be writt to him about itt.

The Sloops &ca to bee unladed. The Sloops to be sent to Coodaloor. A letter to Sangana.

Order'd that the Warehouskeeper unlade the Sloops Mary & Conimeer & the two Vizagapatam Vessells, & that the two Sloops, as soon as unladed be sent to Coodaloor to fetch what Goods they have embaled.

A letter from the Agent to Sangana read & past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

[JOHN STAB]LES Secry.

19. Letter from Sangana. Letter from Trangambar.

Recd a letter from Sangana to the Agent with the Merchts obligation to Sangana.

A Danes Ship from Trangambar arrived here. wch brought a letter to the Agent, with an Attestation from a Conicoply att Vizagapatam.

Genll from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated 14th Instant with Invoyces & Bills of Lading for the Goods p̄ the two Sloops.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday 21.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent and Gover.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Three letters read & past.

Three letters from the Agent of this date Vizt To Lingapa, To Sangana, To our Bramine with Lingapa read & past.

Genlls to Metchlepatam & to Vizagapatam.

Two Generalls of this date Vizt To Metchlepatam & to Vizagapatam read & past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN [NICKS.]
JOHN [LITTLETON.]

JOHN STABLES Secry.

21. Genll from Pettepollee.

Recd a Genll from Pettepollee dated the 14th Instant with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for Goods on a Country Vessell & Stewards Acct for December & January.

Genll from Vizagapatam

Recd a Genll from Vizagapatam dated 4th Instant with their Acct Currt & Acct Cash for December & January.

Rec^{d} a letter from Mr George Ramsden att Vizagapatam dated 5th Instant. From Mr Ramdens.

22. Ship Prospect Sailed. Ship Prospect Sailed this morning for the South Seas.

23. Genlls to Coodaloor & Conimeer &ca approved. Two Gen^{lls} to Coodaloor & One to Conimeer, Mr Dixon's dispatch for Coodaloor & Mr Whedon's Master of Sloop Conimeer his dispatch for Conimeer were Sent to the Councill for their approbation, then Coppied fair, signed & delivered to them.

Danes [ship] Sailed. The Danes Ship of Trangambar Sailed for Bengall.

Sloop Mary Sailed. Sloop Mary Sailed this afternoon for Coodaloor.

24. Sloop Conimeer sailed. This evening Sloop Conimeer Sailed for Conimeer.

Genll from Conimeer. Rec^{d} a Gen^{ll} from Conimeer dated the 22th Instant.

Genll from Madapolla. A Country Vessell called the Good Hope arrived here from Madapollam, which brings a Gen^{ll} from thence dated the 9th Instant with Invoyce of their Europe remaines they send us by her.

Munday 25. No Consultation. No business offering the Councill did not Sett.

Genll from Coodaloor. Rec^{d} a Gen^{ll} from Coodaloor dated 21th Instant wth Invoyce & Bill of Lading of Goods by a Country Vessell.

Genll from Pettepollee. Rec^{d} a Gen^{ll} from Pettepollee dated 13th Instant wth Acc^{t} of 93 Bales of Callicoes they Send us by two Boats.

26. Sloop from Mallacca. A Small Sloop belonging to Antonio Fernando arrived here from Mallacca.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday 28.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Genll to the Honble Compa. A Generall to the Honble Comp^{a} to be sent via Suratt of this day date read & past.

Genll to Suratt. A Generall to Suratt of this date read & past.

Letter to the Avaldar of Palliacatt. A letter from the Agent to Appauge Pontolo Avaldar of Palliacatt read & past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

Genll from Madapollam.

Recd a Generall from Madapollam dated 18th Instant wth Coppy of their Consultations & Dyary for Decemb & Janua'y

March 2. Genll from Pettepollee.

Recd a Genll from Pettepollee dated 18th past with Coppy of their Consultations & Dyary & Acct Cash for last moneth.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Munday 3.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

In regard the Goods that are imported into this place, are put into the Honble Compas Godown att the Sea Side, till they can be examined, & the Custome paid, Itt is order'd that they have a weeks time to clear the same, without paying any Warehous-room, but if they are not taken away in that time, then to be removed to the Curtain Godownes, if the coming in of other goods require itt, they are to pay for such goods att the rates hereafter sett down, Vizt one fanam p̄ Bale for peece goods, One fanam p̄ 10 Candy for all dead goods, as Copper, Tynn, Tutanagg &ca and two fanams p̄ Candy for gruff goods, as Tobacco, Turmerick, Hemp &ca p̄ month, & proportionably for such quantity & time as they shall continue there.

Goods to pay Godown Rent.

Mr Mohuns request.

Mr Richard Mohun being att Acheen & desiring leave to be in the Honble Compas ffactory there, Itt is thought fitt to permitt itt, & accordingly this following writing is order'd to be sent him.

Granted.

We the Agent & Councill of Fort St George do grant leave to Mr Richard Mohun to reside in the Honble Compas ffactory att Acheen (so farr as the care therof concernes us) before any other particular person whatsoever, till any of the Honble Compas Servants come thither, & shall have occation to make use therof in their Affaires, only the said Mr Richard Mohun, is to keep the ffactory house, the Godownes & Compound in good repair.

Our People to come from Covelon.

A Ship belonging to the Merchants of this place, being sent to Covelon for Rice, & to return in a short time, Itt is thought convenient that our people there, take the oppertunity of coming hither upon her, lest Sangana should hinder them att another time, if they should continue there any longer.

Sangana breaking his agreement.

Sangana having broake his agreement with us & permitted the Interlopers to Ship off part of their Cloth att Covelon, we now

resolve not to pay the Merchants ye Pag^{o} 10000 formerly order'd for the buying therof, but to send itt to our Factorys, as we shall have occation, & att present we do order P 5000 to be sent to Coodaloor for the Portonovo Investment, & P 1000 to Pettepollee for their expences, after which is sent, here will remaine but a very small Cash, which we reserve for the Charges of this Garrison, & supplying the other ffactorys with a little, as there shall be occation; & because there is yet remaining a great summe to make up the Poto novo Investment, to be paid by the latter end of Aprill next, Itt is agreed to take up in the Honble Comp^{as} name and under their Seal Ten Thousand Pagodas att Nine p̄ Cent Intrest if to be had, till we have a Supply to pay itt off.

P 10000 not to be paid to buy interlopers cloth.
P 5000 to be sent to Coodaloor and P 1000 to Pettepollee.
A great summe to be paid att Poto Novo.
P 10000 to be taken up att Intrest.

Having lately rec^{d} a Generall from Madapollam, wherin they desire a Small Supply of money, to bring their Merchants into a joynt Stock, wherby to avoid the vyeings that happen in buying & Selling their goods in the Country, & to Sett the Weavors awork upon a Sort of Cloth, which for lengths, breadths & goodness, they beleive will please the Honble Comp^{a} & they hope will prevent the many complaints which have formerly been of that Factory. Itt is thought fitt to order them to discourse their Merchants about itt, & if they can bring them to such an agreement, upon advice of itt, to send them Pag^{o} Three Thousand, to enter the Merchants & employ the Weavors.

Proposalls from Madapollam considered of.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}. JOHN LITTLETON.

The writing order'd yesterday for Mr Mohun was this day sent him. 4.

Mr Mohun's writing sent him.

This day Pag^{o} 1000 was sent to Pettepollee and Pag^{o} 5000 to Coodaloor, with two Generalls to advise them of itt.

P 1000 Sent to Pettepollee P 5000 to Coodaloor with two Generalls.

There has been a report for Severall dayes of the stopage of provissions from coming into Town, & to day we have a complaint that the neighbouring Juncaneers have bea[ten] & abused some people that were bringing in of ffiring &c^{a} provissions. 5.

Provissions Stopt.

Sloop Mary arrived from Coodaloor with 116 Bales of the Honble Comp^{as} Callicoes.

Sloop Mary arrived.

Genll from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor p̄ Sloop Mary dated the 27th past, with a Bill of Lading for the Callicoes by her.

6. Letters from Palliacatt.

Recd a letter from the Avaldar of Palliacatt.

Recd a letter from the Governour of Palliacatt.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

Thursday 6.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Gover.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Sloop Mary to be unladed. To be Sent to Coodaloor. Provissions to be sent from thence.

Order'd that the Warehouskeeper unlade Sloop Mary & that she be dispatcht to Coodaloor with all expedition if possible to gain that Port, & if they do not fully lade her with Bales, to send provissions, for a Supply of this Garrison, & also in Boats, till we order the contrary, here being none permitted to be brought into Towne.

Letters read & past.

These following Letters from the Agent read & past Vizt.

To Lingapa att Serrepe. To Sangana att Conjeveron.

To our Merchants detained by Sangana att Conjeveron.

To Bundalela Shawhe att Carera. To Madana and Accana & our Braminee att Golcondah. To our Braminee with Lingapa.

Pilott of the Nabobs Ship escaped from Palliacatt. he is found in Town. Offers Security.

This morning having recd a letter from the Governour of Palliacatt, wherin he adviseth that Manoet de Medeiros Barreto, a Pilott of one of the Nabobs Ships, who had agreed in Bengall to carry the ship to Jaffnepatam, & to return again to Bengall (& had given the Honble Compas Chief Dubas there, for his Security to perform his agreemt) had brought the said Ship into Palliacatt road, in his way from 20 Jaffnepatam to Bengall, and refusing to return, was escaped from thence to this place, who upon enquiry being found in Towne, was sent for, & made acquainted that he must go to Palliacatt, and make up the businesse there, which he promised to do on Satterday morning ; before which time he may do the same here, as he did att Palliacatt. Itt is therfore thought fitt, to Sett a guard upon him, or that he may give good Security for the performance of his promise, but he desiring not to be confined, he offers to bring Fardinando Tores-hom an Inhabitant of this place to be ingaged for him. Itt is order'd that if the

said Fardinando Tores-hom, will be his Security, that he have his liberty till that time.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

The Pilotts Security Signed.

This afternoon Fardinando Tores-hom signed the engagement as agreed upon the morning.

Sloop Conimeer arrived.

Sloop Conimeer arrived from Coodaloor with 87 Bales of the Honble Comp^{a} which the Warehouskeeper is to unlade.

Genll from Coodaloor.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Coodaloor dated 29th past wth Invoyce of the Callicoes by Sloop Mary & Invoyce & Bill of Lading of the goods p̄ Sloop Conimeer.

8.
Genll to Coodaloor & Mr Dixons dispatch.

A Generall to Coodaloor & Mr Dixons dispatch for that ffactory both of this day date, were sent to ye Councill for their approbation, then Coppied fair, Signed and delivered to him.

9.
Sloop Mary sailed.

This morning early Sloop Mary William Dixon Master, sailed for Coodaloor.

A Sloop from Pegu.
A ship from Pettepollee.

This afternoon arrived the Providence Peter Dod Master from Pegu, also the Mammode James Hawkes Master from Pettepollee, who sailed thence the 10th past, but meeting with contrary winds, did not arrive till now.

Genll from Pettepollee.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Pettepollee dated the 10th past.

Letters received.

Rec^{d} a letter from Lingapa, Sangana & our Egib with Lingapa.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

Monday 10.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Gove^{r}.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Genll to Vizagapatam.

A Generall to Vizagapatam read & past.

Ship from Pettepollee to be unladed

Order'd that the Warehouskeeper unlade the Goods p̄ the Mammode James Hawks from Pettepollee.

Sloop Conimeer to be dispatcht to Coodaloor.

Order'd that the Sloop Conimeer be dispatcht to Coodaloor with all expedition, & if she be not fully laden with Bales, to bring provissions to fill her up.

Vizagapatam. Tandell Tasherift.

The [21] Tandell that brought the Vizagapatam Vessells hither having been very willing & dilligent in going from hence to Conimeer with the goods after the Josia, Itt is agreed to Tasherif him with yards 2½ of Perpetuanos, to encourage him, if the like occation should happen hereafter.

Letters read and past.

Three Letters from the Agent Viz^{t} to Lingapa. To Sangana, to our Egib with Lingapa read & past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

10. Our people arrived from Covelon.

The Ship that was sent to Covelon for Rice, arrived here this afternoon, with our People upon her.

Alley Sailed by from Durampat.

This afternoon Interloper Alley in the Lumley Castle sailed by this place from Durampat.

11. Letters from Gopall Pundit & Sancrojee Pontolo.

Rec^{d} a letter from Gopall Pundit & from Sancrojee Pontolo both att Shillembrum.

Sloop Conimeers dispatch for Coodaloor. Letter to Palliacat.

Sloop Conimeers dispatch to Coodaloor & a letter from the Agent to Govern^{r} of Palliacat were approved of by the Councill.

12. Sloop Conimeer Sailed.

Sloop Conimeer sailed this morning for Coodaloor.

Mr Fleetwood returned for Vizagapatam.

Mr Charles Fleetwood in one of the Vizagapatam Vessells sett sail this morning for Vizagapatam.

Fardinando Toreshome sent to Palliacat.

The Pilott having made his escape from the person that was engaged for him, he was this day sent to Palliacat in his room to answer for those things ye Pilott ought to have done.

Dutchmen passed by.

Senõr Seroyen & another Dutchman from Palliacat passed by to the Southward, to meet their Governo^{r} who is gone to vissit those Factorys.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govr.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Thursday 13.

The Govern[rs] Cash Book for the month of Feb[ry] read and past the Ballance being ... ... Pag[o] 12811 : 03 : 0.

Goverrs Cash Book read and past.

The Journall of the Generall Books of Acco[ts] for the month of January read & past.

Journall of the Genll Books read & past.

The Warehouseday Book of Accounts for the month of February read & past.

Warehous day Booke read & past.

The Customer M[r] John Nicks his Book of Acc[ts] for the month of Febru[ry] read & past as followeth Viz[t].

Customers Book of Accts read & past.

Sea & Land Custome	Pag 283 : 05 : 15
Petty Land Custome	25 : 24 : 58
Paddy Toll att the Banksall	1 : 27 : 73
Measurers duty	14 : 32 : 34
Weighers duty	2 : 10 : 08
Register houses Slaves &c[a].	– : 32 : –
	P 328 : 24 : 63

M[r] John Nicks his Acc[t] of the Mint for the month of February read & past as followeth Viz[t].

Rec[d] for Mintage duties upon particulars persons Gold coyned P 7190 att ½ p̄ Cent ... ... P 35 : 34 : 0.

Mint Book of Accts read & past.

The Paymaster M[r] John Littleton his Book of Acco[ts] for the moneth of February read & past as followeth Viz[t].

Paymasters Book of Accots read & past.

Charges Garrison	P 585 : 16 : –
Charges Generall	257 : 33 : 3
Charges Dyet	129 : 12 : 5
Charges Cattle	24 : 28 : 5
Charges Merchandise	107 : 19 : 2
Acco[t] ffortifications, Repairs &c[a] ...	137 : 26 : 4
	Pag[os] 1463 : 29 :[1]

The 10th Instant in the Evening a large Ship appearing wth English Coulors, & supposed to be designed for this Port, M[r] Jos[h] Hiller, who is assistant to the Customer, went

Joseph Hiller dismist his imployment.

off without leave, but when he came near, & found itt was Alley the Interloper, yet unadvised he went aboard, Itt is therfore thought fitt to dismiss him from his imployment, for the present, that itt may be an example for others to take care how they do the like.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

14. Genll from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 8th Instant.

15. Genll from Metchlepatam.

Recd a Generall from Metchlepatam dated the 4th Instant.

Munday 17. No Consultation. Generalls read & past.

The Councill all mett but no business offer'd only five Generalls Vizt to Madapollam, to Metchlepatam, to Pettepollee, to Coodaloor & to Conimeer read & past.

Ship from Acheen yt brought a noat from the Ship Ann.

A Ship belonging to the Portugues arrived from Acheen which brought a noat from the Chief Mate of the Anne Capt Leonard Browne Commander, who had been Seaven months out of England, bound for the Bay of Bengall, but was going into Acheen to refresh his men.

18. Letter to Palliacat.

A letter from the Agent to the Avaldar of Palliacat was approved by the Councill & sent forward.

19. Genll from Madapollam.

Recd a Generall from Madapollam dated the 8th Instant with Coppy of their Dyary, Consultations, Acct Cash & Pursers Accot Currant for the month past.

Genll from Mr Lucas & Mr Northey att Vizagapã.

Recd a Generall from Mr Thomas Lucas & Mr Benjamn Northey att Vizagapatam, dated the 3d Instant.

Sloop Good ffortune from Coodaloor.

Sloop Good ffortune arrived here from Coodaloor & brought a Generall dated 17th Instant, with Invoyce & Bill of Lading for 154 Bales of the Honble Compas Callicoes p̄ said Sloop.

Thursday 20. No Consultation. Letters to Gopall Pundit & Sancrogee Pontolo.

The Councill met but no businesse to proceed upon, only two letters from the Agent Vizt to Gopall Pundit & Sancrogee Pontolo read & past.

Letter from Sangana.

Recd a letter from Sangana dated 18th Instant.

Pinke Saphir arrived here this afternoon from Lampacoa & brought a letter from on board the Carolina directed to the Honble Comp^{a}.

Pinke Saphir arrived from Lampacoa. Genll to the Honble Compa p̄ her.

Rec^{d} a letter from our Brameny att Golcondah.

Letter from our Brameny. 24.

Rec^{d} a letter from Smith the Interloper att Covelon.

From Interloper Smith.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Gove^{r}.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Munday 24.

Having rec^{d} advice from Mr Lucas and Mr Northey att Vizagapatam that there is such confusion in the Acc^{ts} & other affaires att that Factory that they have thought fit to suspend
22 the Chief & second for the present, Itt is therfore agreed that they be order'd to stay there, till they have made up the Acc^{ts} & put the business in good order, and then to return to Madapollam, leaving Mr Brereton and Mr Fleetwood to take care of the Factory till we shall order another Chiefe.

Disorders att Vizagapâ ffactory.

Mr Brereton and Mr Fleetwood to take care of the ffactory.

The Chief & Councill att Coodaloor, having advised us that there wants Pag^{o} 29000 to pay the Merchants there, & att Porto Novo, & in regard we have but a very little Cash, & can take up no mony att interest, Itt is agreed they be advised therof, that they may either slacken the Investment, or if the Merchants have or will bring in their Cloth, to allow them 12 p̄ Cent intrest, till we have a supply to pay them.

P 29000 wanting att Coodaloor & Porto Novo. Orderd to slacken the investment, or to allow intrest 12 p̄ Ct.

The Right Worp^{ll} the Agent having rec^{d} a letter this morning from Smith the Interloper att Covelon, dated ye 22th Instant, wherin he adviseth that he understands [M^{r}] Davis att Coodaloor, had mony of Willm Barrows deceased in his hands, & that he is impowered by a letter of Atturney from his Widdow to receive & desiring that Mr Davis might pay the mony to him. Itt is agreed that Mr Davis be advised that he may pay itt if he pleaseth for that the Honble Comp^{a} will have nothing to do with itt, but if he scruples the payment of itt, till itt be recovered by Law, (as he writes he doth) to lett him know that the Court is open, but we have no order from the Honble Comp^{a} to permit any Interloper, to appear here personally, & the same he may advise Mr Smith of, which may serve for an answer, to Smiths letter to the Agent, itt being thought convenient not to write to him about itt.

Interloper Smith desires Mr Davis may pay him money.

Mr Davis may pay itt if he pleaseth. No Interloper permitted to appear personally in this Court.

Our Brameny att Golcondah put into Prison.

Having recᵈ advice from our Brameny Vira Ragavia att Golcondah, that upon the receipt of a letter from Lingapa, his Lordsᵖ Accana one of the Chiefe Ministers of State there, had put him into Prison, where he was kept three dayes, and found no way to be released, but by making his application to Velagandela Vencana, who after much perswasions had used his interest and procured his liberty, for which he desires he may be gratified, Itt is therfore order'd that our Brameny do give him Fifty Pagodas (out of the Money he hath of the Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ in his hands) for his kindnesse.

His liberty procured. The person to bee gratified that procured it.

Letter to Sangana & Genll to Madapollam.

A letter from the Agent to Brameny Sangana att Conjeveron, and a Generall to Madapollam both of this day date read and past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secʳʸ.

1684. 25. Ship Thomas from Bengall. Two Genlls from thence.

Ship Thomas William How Commander arrived here from Bengall, & brought two Generalls from thence dated the 12ᵗʰ & 15ᵗʰ of last month, with Invoyce & Bill of Lading of Packing Stuff p̄ said Ship, also Invoyce of Saltpeetre & Factors provissions p̄ Ship George.

26. Four Generalls read & past.

Four Generalls of this date, Vizᵗ to Coodaloor, to Madapollam, to Metchlepatam & to Mʳ Lucas & Mʳ Northey att Vizagapatam, were sent to the Councill for their approbation, then Coppied fair, signed & sent forward.

Att a Consultation—

Present:

Thursday 27.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqʳ Agent and Goverʳ.
Mʳ JOHN BIGRIG. Mʳ ELIHU YALE.
Mʳ JOHN NICKS. Mʳ JOHN LITTLETON.

Letter to our Brameny.

A letter from the Agent to our Egib Brameny Vira Ragavia att Golcondah read & past.

Sallary to be paid.

Order'd that the Sallary payᵃ to the Honᵇˡᵉ Compᵃˢ Servants in this place, & due the 25ᵗʰ Instant be paid them.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secʳʸ.

Sloop Conimeer arrived here, having endeavoured to get to Coodaloor or Conimeer, but ye Monsoon being hard set in, could not. 28. Sloop Conimeer returned.

Mr Willcox arrived here from Conimeer. Mr Willcox arrived here.

Sloop Mary arrived from Coodaloor & brought a Gen^{ll} from thence dated the 27th Instant, with Invoyce & Bill of Lading of Bale Goods & provissions by her, also Coppy of their Gen^{ll} to the Honble Comp^{a} p̄ the Josia dated the 5th of ffeb^{ry} 16$\frac{83}{84}$. 29. Sloop Mary from Coodaloor & brought a Generall from thence wth Coppy of their Genll to the Honble Compa p̄ Josia.

Provissions were this day permitted to brought into Towne. Provissions come in.

This being Easter day, according to Custome there was 25 great Guns, & 4 Vollies of small Shot fired. 30. Easter day.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent and Govern^{r}. Munday 31.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Brameny Vordapa, having been entertained to attend att Golcondah about the Interlopers business & now se[nt] his acc^{t} of wages due to him amounting to Pag^{o} for[t]y nine, Itt is order'd that Mr John Littleton purser do pay the same. Brameny Vordapa's bill to be paid.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

Rec^{d} a letter from Appauge Pontolo Avaldar of Palliacat to the Agent dated the 26th Instant. 31. Letter from Appaugee Pontolo.

Ship Adventure arrived here from Manilla. Aprill 2. Ship Adventure from Manilla.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

A man indicted for Murther.

A Black fellow was this day indicted for Murther & the Bill found against him.

Thursday 3. No Consultation.

Letter to Appaugee Pontolo. Genll to Coodaloor.

The Councill met but no business presented, only a letter from the Agent to Appauge Pontolo & a Gener^{ll} to Coodaloor, both of this date, read & past.

Mr Grudgfeild from Metchlepatam.

Mr James Grudgfeild arrived here this Evening from Metchlepatam.

4. Moors Ship from Acheen.

A Moors Ship from Acheen arrived this morning.

Genll from Madapollam.

Rec^{d} a Generall from Madapollam dated the 24th past.

Mr Lucas & Mr Northeys return to their Commission.

Rec^{d} Mr Lucas & Mr Northeys returne to the Commission given them to examine the differences att Vizagapatam dated the 22th past, with their Consultations whilst they were there, also an Acc^{t} of their expences in the Journey dated the 13th of last month.

Genll from Coodaloor.

Rec^{d} a Gen^{ll} from Coodaloor dated the 31th past.

4. Letter from Lingapa & from our Brameny.

Rec^{d} a letter from Lingapa & another from our Brameny resident with him.

Moors Ship's Cable broak. drove to the Northward. Two Englishmen went [a]board to assist them.

The Moors Ship that arrived here this morning, haveing but one rotten Cable aboard, & the Wind blowing fresh this afternoon, her Cable broak, & having no other, for fear of being drove ashoar, they set Saile, & stood to the Northward, and two Englishmen Viz^{t} Henry Whedon and John Younge went aboard to give them their assistance.

5. Man found guilty of Murder.

The man that was indicted for Murder the 2^{d} Instant was this day tryed for his life, and found guilty, and Sentence past upon him.

Designe to take a Sloop out of this road.

A designe lay'd by Severall Englishmen, of this Garrison, to have taken a Sloop out of this road, & turned Pirats, was discovered, & most of the Conspirators put into Irons.

Ship Mahmude for Acheen.

The Mahmude James Hawkes Master sailed hence for Poto Novo, being designed for Acheen.

Small Ship from Acheen.

A Small Ship belonging to Bernardo Medan a Portugues Inhabitant of this place, arrived from Acheen.

Letter from Mr Ramsden.

Rec^{d} a letter from Mr George Ramsden att Vizagapat[am] dated the 17th past.

Letter from Appauge Pontolo.

Rec^{d} a letter from Appauge Pontolo Avaldar of Palliacat.

Munday 7. No Consultation. Letter to Appauge Pontolo.

The Councill met but no business to proceed upon onl[y] a letter from the Agent Appauge Puntolo Avaldar of Palliacat read & past.

Mr Jardin from Vizagapā.

Mr Jardin arrived here from Vizagapatam.

Letter from Tarrufdar.

Recd a letter from the Tarrufdar of the Carlinga Country.

9. Man executed.

This morning the man was Executed, which was try[ed] the 5th Instant.

Annapourna from Tenassere.

Ship Annapourna arrived here from Tenasseree.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

Thursday 10.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

P 500 for Conimeer.

Order'd that Five hundred Pagodas be paid Mr John Willcox to carry on their building att Conimeer.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

11. [Le]tters received.

Recd a letter from Bundalela Shawhee & another from Tarrufdar Vencana.

12. [S]hip from Acheen.

A Ship belonging to Doctr Dowglas in Bengall arrived from Acheen.

[G]enll from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 8th Instant.

[P]ortugues Pilot brought [fr]om Coodaloor & sent [to]Palliacat.

This afternoon about 5 a Clock the Portugues Pilot that had made his escape, was brought hither from Coodaloor, having been found there, in a [23] Portugues Padrees house, & about 11 a Clock att night, said Pilot was sent to Palliacat with a guard.

[G]enll from Pettepollee.

Recd a Genll from Pettepollee dated the 3d Instant with Coppy of their Consultations Dyary, Accot Cash, & Stewards Accot of Expences, for the months of February & March.

Munday 14.

Att a Consultation—

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Govern[r].
M[r] JOHN BIGRIG. M[r] ELIHU YALE.
M[r] JOHN NICKS. M[r] JOHN LITTLETON.

[Ki]ng of Syam sends [go]ods hither. [Se]a Custome 2 p̄ Cent.

The King of Syam, having sent severall goods hither by a Country Vessell, to be disposed of, the Sea Custome wherof being two p̄ Cent, Itt is thought convenient not to demand the same, to oblidge him therby, in regard the Hon[ble] Comp[a] have a [24] disigne to settle a ffactory att Syam, & that hitherto they having paid no Custome for their trade there, if wee should take itt here, itt may be an occation of his demanding the same att Syam, of the Hon[ble] Comp[a] for their past and future trade, & many other inconveniencies may happen therby, for that the Moors Governm[t] att Metchlepatam, & the Bay having taken Custome from some of his servants, he so highly resents itt, that he hath turned the Moors out of his Government & Country and is building Ships to take satisfaction of them.

[N]one to be demanded [fo]r said Goods.

[T]he reasons why.

Mr Brown orderd Chiefe of Vizagapatam.

The Factory att Vizagapatam, being att present unsettled, by reason of the removall of the Chief. Itt is agreed that M[r] Richard Browne being next in Succession, be ordered to go Chief of that place.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Sec[ry].

15. Generall from Madapollam.

Rec[d] a Generall from Madapollam dated the 3[d] Instant.

16. Letter from Appauge Pontolo.

Rec[d] a letter from Appaugee Pontolo Avaldar of Palliacat to the Agent.

17. Generall from Surat. A rebellion att Bombay.

Rec[d] a Generall from Surat dated the 22th ffeb[ry] advising that the Officers & Souldiers in Bombay, had [25] Seized the Fort, & that the President &[ca] were gone down to endeavour to reduce itt.

Att a Consultation—

Present:

Thursday 17.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esq[r] Agent & Govern[r].
M[r] JOHN BIGRIG. M[r] ELIHU YALE.
M[r] JOHN NICKS. M[r] JOHN LITTLETON.

Order'd that Pag^o 1000 be paid Mr John Willcox for Conimeer Factory, & Pag^o 1400 to the Washers. [P]1000 for Conimeer.

The Governrs Cash Book for the month of March read & past the Ballance being ... ... P 6021 : 03 : 0 [Go]vrs Cash Book read & [p]ast.

The Journall of the Generall Books of Accts for the Moneth of February read & past. [Jour]nll of the Genll Books [re]ad & past.

The Warehousday Book of Accts for the moneth of March read & past. [W]arehous day Book [re]ad & past.

The Customer Mr John Nicks his Book of Accounts for the month of March read & past as followeth Vizt. [Cus]tomers Accts read [an]d past.

Sea and Land Custome	P 179 : 24 : 68
Petty land Customes	4 : 20 : 79
Paddy Toll att the Banksall ...	1 : 21 : 38
Measurers duty	8 : 31 : 62
Weighers duty	4 : 11 : 39
Register of Houses Slaves &ca ...	– : 08 : –
	P 199 : 10 : 77

Mr John Nicks his Acct of the Mint for the mon[th] of March read & past as followeth Vizt. Mint Acct read & past.

Recd for Mintage duties upon particular persons Gold coyned P 2434 att ½ p̄ Cent ... ... P 12 : 06 : 0.

The Paymaster Mr John Littleton his Book of A[ccots] for the month of March read & past Vizt. Paymasters Accts read & past.

Charges Garrison	Pags 59[8] : 5 : [ ]
Charges Generall	340 : 7 : [ ]
Charges Dyet	133 : 8 : [ ]
Charges Cattle	039 :31 : [ ]
Charges Merchandise	89 : 2 : [ ]
Acct ffortifications, Repairs &ca	262 :27 : [ ]
	Pags 1463 : 9 : [ ]

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

18.
Four men rid the Wooden horse.

Four of the Conspirators about running away with Sloop out of the road, [26] Rid the Wooden horse, there we[re] Nine concerned that threw the Dice upon the Drum[s] head, five of which were to escape, their examinati[ons] are entred att the end of this Consultation Booke.

[Let]ter to Conjeveron.

A letter from the Agent to our Merchants att Conjeveron approved by the Councill & sent forward.

19.
[Let]ter from our Egib.

Recd a letter from our Egib Brameny Vira Ragavia.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

Monday 21.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Genll to Coodaloor.
[L]etters read & past.

A Generall to Coodaloor & these following letters from the Agent Vizt to Appaugee Pontolo, to Bundalela Shawhee, to Lingapa, to our Egib with Lingapa, and to Tarrufdar Vencana, all of this date read & past.

[O]ne of the Sloops att Ma[d]apollam to be sent to the Bay.

The Sloops att Madapollam, order'd for the Bay, being supposed to be finished, according to advice recd from thence, & the Chief & Councill there, having recommended a Pilott, Itt is therfore agreed that they be order'd to send the said Pilott down with one of the Sloops, & that care be taken to provide another for the other Sloop.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

23.
St George's day.

This being St Georges day there was 23 Great Guns & 4 Vollies of Small Shot fired as hath been usuall.

Thursday 24.
No Consultation.
A letter to our Egib.
Three Genlls read & past.

The Councill met, but no business offered only a lette[r] from the Agent to our Egib Brameny Vira Ragavia [&] three Generalls Vizt to Madapollam, to Surat, and to Metchlepatam all of this date read & past.

26.
Letter from Sangana.

Recd a letter from Brameny Sangana att Conjeveron.

Rec^{d} a Gen^{ll} from Vizagapatam dated the 10th Instant with their Acc^{t} Currant as stated by Mr Lucas &c^{a} also Stewards Acc^{ts} for the four last months, Coppy of their Consultations, and Acc^{t} Cash for the last month, and Coppy of a writing left by one of their Merchants that run away. 27. Genll &ca from Vizagapatā.

Rec^{d} a letter from ^{27} Domingo de Porto att St Thomá dat[ed] this day. Letter from Domingo de Porto.

Sloop Swallow arrived here from Coodaloor, & brought a Generall dated the 25th Instant, with Bill of Lading for 86 Bales of the Honble Comp^{as} Callicoes ꝑ her. Sloop Swallow from Coodaloor. Generall from thence.

Att a Consultation—

Present :

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govr. Munday 28.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Order'd that Pag^{o} 100 be paid the Taylors an acco[^{t}] of making Shirts & Shifts, that Pag^{o} 400 be sent to Vizagapatam & Pag^{o} 400 to Coodaloor Factorys. P 100 to be paid the Taylors. [P] 400 for Vizagapatam [P]400 for Coodaloor.

Order'd that the Warehouskeeper begin to lade the Honble Comp^{as} bales of Callicoes aboard the Annapourna for Manilla. Honble Comp^{as} goods to be laded on ye Annapourna for Manilla.

Order'd that the Warehouskeeper unlade Sloop Swallow. Sloop Swallow to be unladed.

Sloops Mary & Conimeer not in a condition to send to the Southward, being out of repair, Itt is therfore agreed that they be dispatcht to Madapollam to be fitted up. Sloops Mary & Conimeer to be sent to Madapollam.

Domingo de Porto att St Thomá, having desired that we would send him the Doctor, he being very much indisposed & wanting help, Itt is order'd that the Doctors Mate bee sent to him, the Doctor himself not being to be spared. Doctors Mate to be sent to Domingo de Porto.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

28. Letter from Appauge Pontolo.

Recd a letter from Appaugee Pontolo Avaldar of Palliacat.

29. Genll &ca from Surat.

Recd a Generall from Surat, dated the 17th March 16$\frac{83}{84}$ wth Coppy of their Generall dated the 22th Febry last, and a publick Declaration put forth by the President against the mutineers in Bombay dated the 29th ffebry last.

Genlls &ca from the Honble Compa Via Surat.

Recd two Generalls from the Honble Compa Via Surat, one dated the 20th July the other ye 14th August last, & a letter fro[m] Sr Josia Child to the Agent & Councill dated the 26th July 16 [83] with Coppy of the Kings [28] new Charter to the Honble Comp[a] and an [29] order of Court for repealing an order of the 29th 8br 16[80].

Letter from St Thomá Avaldar.

Recd a letter from the Avaldar of St Thomá.

Thursday May pmo No Consultation. Letter to St. Thomá Avaldar.

The Councill met but no businesse, presented only a letter from the Agent to the Avaldar of St Thomá read & past.

A Ship from Bengall.

A Ship from Bengall arrived here this morning.

2. Genll from Madapollam. Moors Ship Safe att Corango.

Recd a Generall from Madapollam dated the 21th past, advising that Henry Whedon & John Younge, were arrived there, and that they had left the Moors Ship which was blown out of this road the fourth of last month safe att Corango.

3. Avaldar of Palliacat came hither. He would have a ship of ye Duans laded for Mannilla. The Governrs answer. he returnes to Palliacat.

This morning the Avaldar of Palliacat came hither, who pretended to have demands upon one[30] Mr Brewster a Pilott of this place, for speaking words against the Duans Ship att Acheen, but took no notice of itt when he was here, though Mr Brewster was ready to answer for himself, & after he had been here some time, he told the Governour that there was a Ship of the Duans, that he would have laded from this place for Manilla to which the Governr made answer that the Merchants were free, and they might lade upon that Ship, or upon what other they pleased, so he took his leave saying he would come again in the afternoon, but instead of doing so, he returned to Palliacat.

Munday 5. No Consultation. Genll to Vizagapa & Letter to Sangana read & past.

The Councill met, but no business offered, only a Generll to Vizagapatam, & a letter to Brameny Sangana att Conjeveron read & past.

Ship sailed for Bengall.

A Ship which came from Acheen sailed hence for the Bay of Bengall.

A Generall to Coodaloor was approved by the Councill & sent forward with Pag° 400 order'd the 28th of last mth for said Factory. 7. Genll to Coodaloor with P 400.

A Portugues Ship sailed hence for Trangambar. Ship for Trangambar.

Att a Consultation—

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr. Thursday 8.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Mr Henry Whedon who was Master of Sloop Conimeer being now att Madapollam, Itt is order'd that he carry one of the new Sloops into the Bay, and that Ducan Mackentosh take care of Sloop Conimeer to carry her to Madapollam and that he have another Englishman for his assistance. Mr Whedon to carry a new Sloop into the Bay. Ducan Makentosh to carry Sloop Conimeer to Madapollam.

Order'd that Mr Clement du Jardin returnes to Vizagapatam, to prepare Accts with Mr Ramsden, against wee send down another Chief to Settle them. Mr Jardin to returne to Vizagapatam.

A Generall to Madapollam, A letter from the Agent to Gopall Pundit, & a Generall to Vizagapatam all of this date read and past. Generalls read and past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

The Pag° 400 order'd the 28th of last month for Vizagapatam Factory, was this day sent thither p̄ three Peons overland. 9. P 400 sent to Vizagapa.

This evening Mr Grudgfeild sett out for Coodaloor. Mr Grudgfeild set out.

Recd a letter from our Egib with Lingapa. 10. Letter from our Egib.

Att a Consultation—

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr. Munday 12.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Taylors to be paid the Ballance of their acc^{t}.

The Taylors having compleated their contract of making Shirts & Shifts, and now brought in their Acc^{t}, Itt is order'd that the
f.
Ballance therof be paid them being P 90 : 11.

Mr Hiller restored to his imployment.

Mr Joseph Hiller having been for some time dismist his employment for going aboard Alley, & now making his humble Petition to be restored, (a Coppy wherof is enter'd next after this Consultation) declaring itt was done for want of consideration, & not out of any designe to prejudice the Honble Comp^{a} Itt was taken into consideration, and there being a want of one to assist the Customer att the Sea Side, itt is thought convenient to put him into his former imployment, till we shall receive a supply of Servants from the Honble Comp^{a} he having promised to be very carefull and dilligent for the future.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Sec^{ry}.

To the R^{t} Worp^{ll} William Gyfford Esqr Agent & Govern^{r} &c^{a} Worp^{ll} Councill of Fort St George, Madraspatam.

Joseph Hillers Petition.

The Humble petition of Joseph Hiller

Most humbly Sheweth.

That wheras your Petitioner having contrary to the Government of this place & without leave from your Wor^{p} &c^{a} gone off on board of Capt Wm Alley an Interloper passing by this place, by which great misdemeaner your Petitioner having highly offended your Wor^{p} &c^{a} Councill in so much that you have been pleased to dismiss him of his place, you were pleased to intrust him with, in service of the Honble English East India Comp^{a} your Petitioner having not anything to plead in his own behalf, for this his so great folly in breach of this Governm^{t} wholy relys on the mercy of your Wor^{p} &c^{a} Councill to pass itt by itt being his first fault.

Wherfore your humble Petitioner doth most humbly implore your Wor^{p} &c^{a} Councills gratious consideration on the part & behalfe of your said Petitioner, in permitting him into his former imploy, in the Honble English East India Comp^{as} Service, where your Petitioner shall make itt his whole Study, to serve faithfully & industriously

never to offend in the like case, or in any other ways for the future.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall for ever pray &c^{a}.

Sloop Ruby arrived from Coodaloor & brought a Gen^{ll} dated the 10th Instant, with their Acc^{t} Cash, Teggapa's acc^{t} of expences, Invoyce of Sloop Swallows goods, & Bill of Lading for 134 Bales of Callicoes p̄ Sloop Ruby.

12: Sloop Ruby from Coodaloor. Generall from thence.

Ship Good Neighbour Wm Norgrave Master arrived from Surat & brought a Generall from thence dated 28th March last with Coppy of their Generall dated 17th ditto, & Coppy of the Kings new Charter to the Honble Comp^{a}.

Ship Good Neighbour from Surat. Generall from thence.

Rec^{d} a Generall from the Governour of Trangambar.

13. Letter from Trangambar.

Att a Consultation.

Present :

Thursday 15.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Order'd that Pag^{o} 150 be paid to George Paulin Master of Sloop Ruby as desired in Coodaloor Gen^{ll} dated the 10th Instant.

P 150 to be paid to the Master of Sloop Ruby.

Letters read and past.

A Generall to Coodaloor, A letter to our Egib with Lingapa & A letter to the Governo^{r} of Trangambar read & past.

Order'd that Gunnys, Roap & Twine be sent to Porto novo p̄ Sloop Swallow.

Packing stuff to Coodaloor.

Being in dayly expectation of a Ship from the Honble Comp^{a} wherby we may receive fresh advices from their Hon^{rs} which we think convenient for the more expedition to send p̄ Ship Thomas into the Bay, & having advice that there is a quantity of Bales ready att Conimeer, Itt is order'd that the said Ship Thomas be dispatcht thether to fetch them in the meanetime.

Ship Thomas to be sent to Conimeer.

The Governours Cash Book for the month of Aprill read & past the Ballance being ... ... P 85[ ]8 : 19 : 0.

Cash Book read & past.

The Journall of the Generall Books of Accounts for the month of March read & past.

Journall of the Genll Books read and past.

The Warehouse Book of Acc^{ts} for the month of Aprill read & past.

Warehous day Book read and past.

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Customers Book read & past.

The Customer Mr John Nicks his Book of Acc^t for the month of Aprill read & past as followeth Viz^t.

Sea & Land Custome	P	162 : 30 : 44
Petty land Custome		51 : 23 15
Paddy Toll at the Banksall		1 : 13 : 09
Measurers duty		9 : 33 : 28
Weighers duty		8 : 12 : 37
Register of houses, Slaves &c^a ...		2 : 02 : 75
	P	236 : 08 : 20

Mint Acct read & past.

Mr John Nicks his Acco^t of the Mint for the month of April read and past as followeth Viz^t.

Rec^d for Mintage duties of particular persons Gold coyned Pag^o 10889 att ½ p̄ Cent ... ... P : 54 : 16 : 0.

Paymasters Book read and past.

The Paymaster Mr John Littleton his Book of Acc^ts for the month of Aprill read & past as followeth Viz^t.

Charges Garrison	P	601 : 34 : ×
Charges Generall		264 : 17 : 2
Charges Diett		136 : 15 : 3
Charges Cattle		31 : 13 : 2
Charges Merchandise		64 : 20 : 5
Acc^t Fortifications, Repaires &c^a ...		395 : 03 : 0
	Pag^s	1393 : 30 : 0

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN STABLES Secr^y. JOHN LITTLETON.

15. Ship for Bengall.

Ship Good Neighbour sailed hence for Bengall.

16. Genll from Metchlepatam. Genll from Ballasore. Two Genlls from the Honble Compa p̄ the Ann. Box with Commissions.

Rec^d a Generall from Metchlepatam, dated the 7th Instant which brought us a Gen^ll from Ballasore dated the 3^d of last month, with two Gen^lls from the Honble Comp^a which they rec^d from aboard the Ann, dated the 6th & 13th June last past, with Coppy of the Anns Charterparty, & a box with Commissions to examine Witnesses touching Mr Master & Mr Cholmley.

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The box with the Commissions delivered the Commissioners. The Commissions delivered.

A Dutch ship & Sloop passed by for Palliacat from [31] Co[lu]mbo. 17. Dutch Ship passed by.

Recd a letter from our Egib with Lingapa. Letter from our Egib.

Recd a Genll from Madapollam dated the 8th Inst with Coppy of their Consultations, & Dyary & Acct Cash for March & Aprill. 18. Genll from Madapollam.

The Councill met but no businesse offered. 19. Munday No Consultation.

Mr How acquaints the Agent & Councill that he could by no meanes get his Lascars to go to the Southward, they having agreed in Bengall to go no further then this place. Mr How's Lascars.

Mr Dixon & Mr Mackintosh their dispatches for Madapollam also a Generall to Madapollam, were approved, signed and delivered to them. 20. Dispatches for two Sloops & a Genll to Madapollam.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated ye 17th Instant with Invoyce of goods ꝑ Sloop Ruby. Genll from Coodaloor.

This night Sloops Mary & Conimeer sailed hence for Madapollam. Sloops sailed for Madapolla.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent and Governr. Thursday. 22.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Orderd the P 300 be sent to Coodaloor & P 500 to Madapollam. Pago orderd to be sent.

A Genll to Coodaloor, & a letter to our Egib with Lingapa read and past. Letters read and past.

WILLIAM GYFFORD.
JOHN BIGRIG.
ELIHU YALE.
JOHN NICKS.
JOHN LITTLETON.

JOHN STABLES Secry.

The P 300 order'd this morning for Coodaloor was sent ꝑ Peons. 22. P 300 sent to Coodaloor.

Recd a letter from Bundalela shawhee with Coppy of a letter from him to Tarrufdar Vencana. 23.

24. Gentue letters recd.

Rec^{d} a letter from Lingapa, from our Braminee wth Ling pa, & from Braminee Vira Ragavia with him also att present.

Munday 26. No Consultation. Three Genlls read & past.

The Councill met & no business presented only three Gener^{lls} Viz^{t} to Metchlepatam, to Madapollam, & to Vizagapatam read & past.

Sloop Ruby to Coodaloor.

Sloop Ruby sailed hence for Coodaloor.

27. Sloop Swallow also.

Sloop Swallow sailed hence for Coodaloor.

28. Letter to Lingapa.

A letter to Lingapa was approved, signed & sent forward.

P 500 sent to Madapollam

Pag^{o} 500 sent to Madapollam p̄ Peons overland.

Bengali Sloop Sailed.

Bengall Sloop Sailed hence for the Bay.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

Thursday 29.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Govern^{r}.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.

Four letters read & past.

Four letters from the Agent Viz^{t} to Braminees Ramana, & Vira Ragavia both with Lingapa, to Bundalela Shawhee to Tarrufdar Vencana read & past.

Dollars formerly deposited by Capt Goodlad in the Honble Compas Cash to be sent to the Bay p̄ Ship Thomas.

Capt Richard Goodlad having formerly deposited in the Honble Comp^{as} Cash, (as p̄ Consultation dated 5th Jan^{ry} $16\frac{83}{83}$) two Bags of p^{s} of $\frac{8}{8}$ which he was to carry into the Bay, one wherof was for Mr Charles Cross q^{t} 197 p^{s} pz oz. 171 & the
dwt.
other for Mr Robt Hedges q^{t} p^{s} $41\frac{3}{4}$ pz oz. 37 : $03\frac{1}{2}$ which he requested the Agent in writing to send downe in one of the Honble Comp^{as} Chests to the R^{t} Worp^{ll} William Hedges Esqr Agent in the Bay, for Acc^{t} of the aforesaid persons, ([32]Coppy wherof follows this Consultation) Itt is therfore agreed that the said two bags of p^{s} $\frac{8}{8}$ be sent to the Bay p̄ the Ship Thomas William How Master, she being the first Ship belonging to the Honble Comp^{a} bound from this place thether since the receipt of said mony, & to be consigned as desired by the said Capt Goodlad.

P 500 to be paid the Washers.

Order'd the Pag^{o} 500 be paid the Washermen.

The Merchants having not yet wholy compleated their last years contract, & having many goods by them which the Wareshouskeeper refused, being short of the Musters then agreed upon, the said Cloth being now befor[e] us, 'tis thought the Honble Comp^as^ intrest to take them upon proportionable abatements, Viz^t^ A sort of fine Neckcl^o^ q^t^ 18 in a p^s^ to be Sorted & received upon a third & fourth sort, to differ in price as the first & second numbers do, also a parcell of Beteelaes not so good as our Musters to be rec^d^ altogeather att Pag^o^ 27 ꝑ Corge which wee esteem a considerable abatment and very cheap. Callicoes to be recd of the Merchts upon abatement.

The Honble Comp^a^ in their Generall dated 14th August 1683 having order'd Mr John Bigrig to continue Godownkeeper, (besides having the charge of the Books as second) in pursuance of the said order, Mr Yale is hereby order'd to deliver up the remaines & charge of the Godown to Mr Bigrig, att the end of the next month, in which time we hope the Merchants may comply with the last years contract, which being so near a conclusion, & the rest of the business having past through Mr Yales hands, itt is thought convenient that itt be finished by him. Mr Bigrig to take the charge of the Godown the end of June next.

William Gyfford.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Stables Sec^ry^. John Littleton.

This being ye Kings birthday there was 29 great Guns & four vollies of small shot fired as accustomary. 29. The Kings birthday.

Rec^d^ a letter from Gopall Pundit dated this month. 30. Letter from Gopall Pundit.

Rec^d^ a Generall from Coodaloor dated the 28th Instant. Genll from Coodaloor.

Rec^d^ a letter from the Governour of Trangambar. Letter from Trangambar.

Rec^d^ a Packet ꝑ Ship Trevitore from Syam, which was brought thether from Tywan, & was directed to the Agent which was opened & contained Viz^t^ Tywan Journall and Leidger, Coppy of their Acc^t^ given in to Sego, Coppy of Sego's Petition to the Emperour in their name, Generall letter, Coppy of their Consultations, & Coppy of their order to Solomon Loyd. Packet from Tywan. The contents of the packet.

This day Mr Freeman & Mr Field arrived here ye former from Metchlepatam & the latter from Madapollam. 30. Mr Freeman & M Field arriv'd.

A Letter from the Agent to the Governour of Trangambar, approved, signed & sent forward. 31. Letter to Trangambar.

Letter from Trangambar.

Recd a letter from the Governour of Trangambar.

June pmo Ship from Goa.

This evening arrived in this Road a Ship from Goa.

Munday 2. No Consultation.

The Councill met but noe business presented.

Ships Rochester & Beaufort from England.

This day att noon Ships Rochester & Beaufort with the Charles & Rochester Sloops come to an anchor in this Road from England.

The Commanders came ashoar & brought two Packets from the Honble Compa.

This afternoon Capt Dyke & Capt Nicholson came ashoa[r] & brought with them two Packets from the Honble Compa directed to the Agent & Mr John Bigrig, & was order'd to be opened by them only, which was done accordingly.

Ship Rochester & Beaufort to be unladed.

This afternoon the Councill met & the Warehouskeeper was order'd to unlade the Treasure & Goods out of the Rochester & Beaufort with all expedition.

3 Letter to Appauge Pontolo. Letter to Trangambar.

A letter from the Agent to Appauge Pontolo Avaldar of Palliacatt, & another to the Governour of Trangambar approved, signed & Sent forward.

3. Ship Royall James arrived from England. Packet from the Honble Compa.

Ship Royall James,[33] Sr John Wetwang Commander, arriv'd here this afternoon, & the Purser come ashoar, & brought with him a Packet from the Honbl Compa directed to the Agent & Mr John Bigrig, & order'd to be opened by them only, wch was done accordingly.

Treasure &ca brought ashoar.

This day the Gold & Silver p̄ the Rochester & Beaufort & the Honble Compas servants Mr Gray & Mr Fownes, as also the Souldiers came ashoar.

Genll from Coodaloor.

Recd a Generall from Coodaloor dated 31th past.

Mr Gray of Councill here.

Mr [34] John Gray being order'd by the Honble Compa to be one of Councill here, he was acquainted therwith.

Mr John Wetwang &ca came ashoar.

This morning Sr John Wetwang came ashoar, & with him Mr [35] Thomas Child one of the Honble Compas ffactors.

Royall James to be unladed.

The Councill met this morning & the Warehousekeeper was order'd to unlade the Treasure p̄ the Royall James.

Treasure &ca brought ashoar.

This afternoon the Treasure & Souldiers p̄ the Royall James came ashoar.

Att a Consultation.

Present:

Thursday 5.

WILLIAM GYFFORD Esqr Agent & Governr.
Mr JOHN BIGRIG. Mr ELIHU YALE.
Mr JOHN NICKS. Mr JOHN LITTLETON.
Mr JOHN GRAY.

Genll to Coodaloor. Letter to Gopall Pundit.

A Generall to Coodaloor dated the 2d & 5th Instant & a letter from the Agent to Gopall Pundit read & past.

Report of the weight of one Chest of Gold.

Mr Elihu Yale & Mr John Littleto[n] report the weight of one Chest of Gold No C p̄ Ship Beaufort weighed off to the Shroffs of the Mint yesterday pz 3,276 oz. : 11 dwt. : 11 gr. which is over oz 1 : 00 : 11 gr. of what invoyced.

Ship Compa to be Muster'd.

Order'd that Mr John Gray goes aboard the Royall James Rochester, Beaufort & two Sloops and Muster ye men aboard them.

Ship Thomas to be dispatcht to the Northern ffactorys, with Treasure.

The Lascars aboard the Ship Thomas having refused to go to the Southward & the Honble Compas Ships from England being arrived, Itt is agreed that she be dispatcht to the Bay but in her way to touch att Metchlepatam, & Vizagapatam to carry Mr Richard Browne from the former being order'd Chief of the latter & to carry from hence Treasure for the Northern ffactorys, which the Warehousekeeper is order'd to lade on her as followeth Vizt.

To be left att Metchlepatam 19 Chests of Silver Vizt:

For Madapollam Factory ...	5 Chests.
For Metchlepatam	10 dto.
For Pettepollee	4 dto.

To Vizagapatam Factory 3 Chests.

Two months pay to be advanced to the new Souldiers.

The Officers & Souldiers, which came by the Royall James, Rochester & Beaufort, being in a poor condition and Strangers att this place, It is agreed that they have two months pay advanced to provide them with necessaries & provissions.

Edward Dutton to bee turn'd out of Towne.

Edward Dutton who was the ring leader of those who intended to have run away with a Sloop out of this Road, haveing been kept a long time in Irons, to be sent home by the first Ship, to answer for his crime there, having now delivered in his Petition, (Coppy wherof is entred next after this Consultation) Itt is thought fit to turn him out of Towne, without further punish-

ment, but if he shall returne then itt is agreed, that he be sent to England without fail.

Sr John Wetwang & Capt Nicholson to be dispatcht to Covelon to seiz Smith the Interloper.

Having rec^{d} orders from the Honble Comp^{a} to proceed against the Interlopers to the full extent of those authorities granted them by his Maj^{ty} what ever the consequence be, & Smith the Interloper in the Constantinople Merch^{t} being still att Covelon, Itt is agreed that Sr John Wetwang in the Royall James, & Capt John Nicholson in the Beaufort, with the two Sloops Charles & Rochester, bee ordered to proceed thether, and seiz upon him & bring him into this Road, (Coppy of which orders are enterd next after this Consultation) & that the said Commanders have a sight given them of his Maj^{ties} new & second Charter granted to the Honble Comp^{a}.

Their orders read & past.

Sr John Wetwangs & Capt Nicholson's orders to proceed for Covelon dated the Sixth Instant were read & past.

William Gyfford.
John Bigrig.
Elihu Yale.
John Nicks.
John Littleton.
John Gray.

John Stables Sec^{ry}.

Edwd Duttons Petition.

To the R^{t} Worp^{ll} Wm Gyfford, Esqr Agent for Affaires of the Honble English East India Comp^{a} on the Coast of Chromandell &c^{a} & Govern^{r} of Fort St George.

The humble Supplication of Edwd Dutton

Humbly Sheweth.

That wheras your Humble suppl^{t} being seduced & enticed by the instigation of some evill designed persons, to attempt a crime contrary to the Rules of honesty and obedience, for which your Wor^{p} hath been pleased to committ him a Prisoner, not without desert, of which crime he is most sencibly toucht, how highly & deservedly he has incurr'd your Wor^{ps} displeasure, of whom he hath received many undeserved favours, doth humbly acknowledge his great fault, & the deserving of what punishment your Wor^{p} may please to inflict upon him, & humbly throws himself att your Wor^{ps} feet, begging & imploring your Wor^{ps} pardon, for this great offence, & a releasm^{t} from his heavy Iron bonds, & Imprisonm^{t} which hath, & will dayly impair his health, & bring him to a very low & feeble condition, he not only begs this for his owne sake, but for his fathers, who was a faithfull

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